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Housing hope as site empty for eight years up for sale

CAR PARK LINED UP FOR HOMES

Report by Clare Butler

HOMES could be built on a former car park in Great Bridge that has been empty for eight years following the collapse of plans to build a health centre.

It is hoped that the former market traders' 100-space car park in the town centre could be sold by May 6 to private developers.

It shut to the public in 2008, with plans to build apartments and a new health centre proposed within the last decade both falling through. Now a development statement, which says the site could accommodate 14 dwellings fronting Great Bridge, has been prepared.

Councillor Pete Allen, who represents the ward, said that the transformation of the site would be welcomed.

He said: "It was put on the market just over a week ago now and is hoped to be sold by May 6.

"Our preferred option would be to see the 14 houses built on there as it was first sold in 2004 with planning for 45 apartments but it fell through.

Upsetting

"Our main priority is that we don't want it to be left again as it has been too long in the state it is in and fenced off.

"It was going to be a health centre in 2010 but the Government pulled the plug on that happening, which was upsetting. This is now a viable long-term solution that I'm sure everyone in Great Bridge would welcome."

The site was hit by a spate of vandalism and travellers setting up camp there after it was first closed, with bollards and fencing put in place to protect it from further damage.

And an undercover car park was built further up the high street for market traders and visitors to use. Plans for a £5 million health centre were welcomed by health chiefs back in 2010 before funding was cut. It was due to feature two GP surgeries, a pharmacy, extra community services and outpatient facilities for minor treatments.

A neighbouring footbridge to the site, which leads to the Asda superstore, Poundland and McDonalds, is protected for 99 years under a repairing and insuring lease put in place in 1997.

However, last year retailers on the high street said their businesses had struggled since the car park was shut – with some saying trade has dropped by as much as 30 per cent.

Business owners said they believed that allowing shoppers to use the car park again would help rejuvenate the high street.

GRAND BANDSTAND FINALE FOR PARK REVAMP

Members of the Friends of Dartmouth Park seen by the new bandstand being built in Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich

THE finishing touches are being added to a stunning new £70,000 bandstand which is the latest addition to West Bromwich's Dartmouth Park.

Restoration work at the park, costing a grand total of £6.3 million kicked off in 2009 and saw an outdoor gym, war memorial, pavilion and water play area built. To top off the work, leftover cash was put towards the bandstand, which is an exact replica of the original Victorian structure.

The roof is currently being finished, with the Friends of Dartmouth Park expecting the bandstand to be open for use by the start of May. Secretary of the Friends group Carol Hartill said she was delighted by the latest addition to the park.

"We've been saying right from the beginning of the restoration that we'd love to have a bandstand.

"Towards the end of the restoration there was a little bit of money left over and the project manager decided to put it towards the new bandstand which we were thrilled about.

"It's a replica of the Victorian bandstand and is in exactly the same place. When it's finished it is going to be stunning. I think we'll have lots of events there, not just with the Friends of Dartmouth Park but with things being organised by park staff as well. Hopefully it will be really well used. It really looks good."

The restoration work has seen the park changed beyond all recognition, Mrs Hartill said. "You would never recognise the place compared to when the restoration work started. It was almost a no-go area before and now it's full of people. We have lots of dog walkers coming from far and wide."

CLOSURE

45 jobs to go as car sales site faces axe

FORTY-FIVE jobs are set to be lost in Oldbury after banking giant Lloyds announced it would axe its car sales operation.

The Lex Autolease site in Churchbridge will close, leaving the vast majority of staff facing redundancy.

Only five of the 50-strong workforce are set to be taken on by British Car Auctions (BCA), which is to take over part of the operation.

Lex Autolease was created in 2009 following the merger of HBOS-owned Lex Vehicle Leasing with Lloyds TSB Autolease. It is the UK's largest vehicle leasing business with a fleet of about 270,000 vehicles.

RETAIL

10 million visit Grand Central

ALMOST 10 million people have gone through the doors of Grand Central Shopping Centre since it opened six months ago, bosses have revealed.

Crowds have flocked to stores and restaurants at the £150 million shopping centre, which is above Birmingham New Street train station, opened in September. Around 9.5 million shoppers have visited in total, official figures released by the centre showed.

The centre has added 66 shops and restaurants to the second city.

EMERGENCY

Overturned van crash leads to M6 delays

THREE lanes of the M6 were closed as a man was cut free from an overturned van after being trapped for 45 minutes.

Traffic chaos ensued with motorists facing delays of up to two hours on Monday.

West Midlands Ambulance Service was called to the southbound carriageway, between junctions 7 and 6, at about 2.45pm.

Fire crews freed the man just before 4pm.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman, Jamie Arrowsmith, said: "Ambulance staff treated him for back pain and shoulder pain before transporting him to Heartlands Hospital."

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Leading restaurant Edmunds is fined

Councillor Barbara Dring

A POPULAR Birmingham restaurant has been fined after pleading guilty to food hygiene failings, after mouse droppings were found throughout its premises.

Casamou Limited, which operates Edmunds Fine Dining, admitted nine offences under the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 at Birmingham Magistrates Court last Thursday.

The business was fined £5,300 and ordered to pay £1,830 in costs.

Environmental health officers who visited the restaurant on January 20 found mouse droppings throughout the premises plus dirty conditions in the bar area and kitchen, which posed an imminent risk of injury to health.

In addition milk and cream were found that were five days past their use-by dates.

A Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice was issued and the food business was formally closed on the same day, while items of food found to be out-of-date were disposed of immediately.

The restaurant was allowed to reopen on January 21. The business was last inspected on March 31, 2015, when it received a Food Standards Agency rating of five, which means very good.

Speaking afterwards, Councillor Barbara Dring, chairman of the city council's licensing and public protection committee, said: "People should be able to have confidence in the safety of the food served and cleanliness of any food business in Birmingham. Edmunds is a place diners often go to for a special occasion, so they would not expect the safety of its food or cleanliness of its kitchen to be questioned – but this case shows even the most reputable restaurants can have sub-standard practices."

Just desserts for town as sweet success grows

A BLACK Country dessert chain, which was launched in Wolverhampton, is to create more than 40 jobs with the opening of a new shop in West Bromwich.

In a six-figure deal put together by the town's property agents, Bond Wolfe, the Little Dessert Shop has bought a former Pizza Hut outlet at Unit 11, the Farley Centre, on High Street. Owner Mu'azzam Ali already has outlets in Wolverhampton and Wolverhampton Street in Wednesfield.

He hopes that the new 3,324 sq ft premises in West Bromwich will be open some time in May.

Founded in 2014, independently run and family-owned, the Little Dessert Shop offers a choice of cakes, crepes, waffles, fondue, sundaes and more than 40 flavours of ice cream, gelatos and sorbets.

The Little Dessert Shop's Ferrero Fantastic Waffle

Masterpiece

Mr Ali said: "It will create 40 to 50 jobs which will take the total across the three shops to 120.

"We wanted to take the unassuming dessert and turn it into a creative masterpiece for all to enjoy, born out of a love for fine foods. We use only the finest ingredients from as far away as Italy."

Bond Wolfe managing director James Mattin said: "It certainly seems to work – there were queues out of the door for months after the first shop opened.

"Demand for West Bromwich High Street retail units is boisterous. Indeed the remainder of this parade is under offer and inventory along the High Street is very low due to the increase in demand for the town centre."

The chain opened its second outlet in Wednesfield in November, after the runaway success of its flagship branch in Queen Street.

Tens of thousands have piled into the city centre shop in Queen Street since it first opened its doors in May, with long queues often stretching down the street and hungry customers getting in line before it even opens.

Due to the phenomenal demand, a second takeaway-only branch opened in Wednesfield, which created 15 jobs.

The latest shop will stick largely to the successful Queen Street menu, but also offer a new variety of cakes including mint and Oreo, bubblegum Oreo and a Snickers cookie dough pizza. The site will also act as a training hub for staff across the shops.

Shop bosses also celebrated winning a national award late last year.

Freezers dumped by fly-tippers

The freezers dumped by fly-tippers at Wednesbury Animal Sanctuary, in Kent Road

FRIDGE freezers have been left strewn across a lane in Wednesbury after being dumped by fly-tippers.

The fridges have been left in Kent Road for more than a week, close to the Wednesbury Animal Sanctuary.

Malcolm Clarke, from the sanctuary, spotted the rubbish and was disgusted by the actions of the fly-tippers. He said the area had previously been targeted by fly-tippers.

He said: "It has been going on for years, three tons of building rubble have been dumped as well as kitchen units and sheets of asbestos.

"There is a gate at the bottom of the lane but it is never closed, one side is broken."

The fridge freezers remained piled up on the ground more than a week after being dumped. Mr Clarke said: "It's damaging to the environment and you get kids coming down and smashing it up and throwing it around."

It is the latest pile of rubbish to blight the streets of Sandwell. Council chiefs launched a fresh crackdown on fly-tipping across the borough last summer after the clean-up bill topped £180,000 in 12 months.

Bosses say they are committed to investigating all cases to trace the culprits and bring those responsible to court.

Witnesses call after pensioner fatal crash

A PENSIONER has died following a two car crash in Oldbury.

This week, police launched an appeal for witnesses to the smash, which happened on Wolverhampton Road on Saturday night.

Ted Harris, aged 85, from Oldbury, was taken to hospital with serious injuries when his silver Honda Jazz collided with a silver Audi S4 just after 7pm at the junction of Castle Road East.

Ted Harris, 85

He died from his injuries late on Sunday night.

The driver of the Audi received minor injuries and did not require hospital treatment.

Collision investigators closed the road temporarily on Monday, to carry out a specific reconstruction of the crash in order to establish what happened and closed off part of the road for the majority of the morning.

Sergeant Steve Newbury, from the Collision Investigation Unit, said: "We are keen to hear from anyone who was travelling along the dual carriageway at the time of the collision and saw what happened.

"Our thoughts remain with Mr Harris's family as they come to terms with his loss."

The Collision Investigation Unit can be contacted on 101.

Services may see 200 extra births

MATERNITY services in Sandwell and Dudley could have to deal with an extra 200 births a year with dozens of expectant mothers from Walsall set to be moved over, it was revealed today.

A birthing cap has been imposed at Walsall Manor Hospital after Care Quality Commission inspectors found a lack of staff and space were putting patients at risk.

Around 500 mothers registered at GPs in Willenhall and Staffordshire are already set to be told to go to New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton but now Walsall health bosses have confirmed they are in talks to move a further 200 mothers to Sandwell Midwifery Unit and Dudley's Russells Hall in order to meet national birth to midwife ratio recommendations.

Amir Khan, medical director of Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "We think up to 4,200 births a year is safe and will enable us to meet the national recommendations for births to midwives. Walsall Manor Hospital delivered 4,900 babies last year so it means around 700 mothers will be moving.

"We have already agreed for 500 to go to New Cross in Wolverhampton but there is still a gap of around 200.

"We are now in discussions with Dudley and Sandwell."

Jail for drug dealer found with stash on car seat

A DRUG dealer who was found with more than a quarter of a million pounds worth of heroin on the back seat of his car has been jailed for more than five years.

Officers from the Central Motorway Police Group stopped Kamal Choudhury for speeding up the M6 in his Volkswagen Passat on February 22.

They pulled the 23-year-old over near Spaghetti Junction and, following routine checks, seized his car for not having the correct insurance.

As the traffic officers helped Choudhury and his female passenger unload the car before it was towed away, their suspicions were raised by the weight of one of their bags. They looked inside and saw two plastic blocks covered in duct tape which they described as being significantly heavier than a bag full of books.

Courier

The pair were arrested on suspicion of possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply and a subsequent search uncovered heroin with a street value of £266,700.

Choudury admitted the charge at court, following an investigation by West Midlands Police's Serious and Organised Crime Unit. But he claimed he was merely a courier, only delivering the drugs to Birmingham but not involved in further distribution.

Choudhury, from Prestbury Road in Aston, was sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court to five years and four months in jail. His passenger faced no further action.

Family history help is at hand

A ONE day course is being held this month to help people track down their ancestry. The Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry are holding the course on April 16, to help beginners in researching their family tree.

The day will consist of a series of talks outlining the key areas that researchers should concentrate on, with advice on birth, marriage and death registration from 1837; census returns; wills after 1858 and what internet sites, especially free ones, to use.

The course is being held at Birmingham & Midland Institute runs from 10am until 4pm. For more information contact Jackie Cotterill on: 01562 743912 or email: gensec@bmsgh.org.

Nursery boost in the pipeline

EXPANSION plans have been revealed for an Oldbury nursery. Proposals have been submitted to Sandwell Council for a extension at the nursery of St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School in Mckean Road.

WBA director is new chamber president

New chamber chief Adrian Wright

IN a surprise move, a senior West Bromwich Albion director has taken over as head of the Black Country's biggest business organisation.

Adrian Wright is the Baggies' sales and marketing director and has taken on the role of president of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce after Kevin Rogers, boss of Wolverhampton firm Paycare, stepped down due to work commitments. The 11th hour change comes as Mr Rogers had been due to take over from the chamber's high-profile president for the last two years, Ninder Johal.

Mr Wright has more than doubled West Brom's commercial income since his appointment in 2009 and has more recently been at the forefront of developing the club's links with the booming Indian football market.

Previously he was the head of corporate sales at Birmingham City Football Club from 2005 until 2010.

He said: "Obviously I am delighted by this opportunity, albeit my feelings are tinged with sadness. Kevin is a great leader and I was looking forward to working with him to deliver great results.

"The Black Country is a great place for business and I want to make sure that we navigate our way through the global headwinds and establish ourselves as the premier location worldwide for what we do best."

Kevin Rogers. chief executive of health plan insurance company Paycare, has stepped down with "sincere regret" but, he insisted, with the best interest of the chamber at heart.

He said: "The demands placed on me as a result of our growth, to ensure that as an organisation we continue to deliver the very best customer care."

600 council homes on way to address crisis

MORE than 600 council homes will be built in Sandwell under an ambitious project aimed at easing the borough's housing crisis.

The scheme, called Changing the Housing Landscape, will see estates created in towns across Sandwell.

The cash-strapped authority has set aside £74.1 million to build the homes over the next three years, up to 2018-19.

Bosses are desperate to increase the number of council properties with more than 6,000 people currently on a waiting list.

Acting leader of Sandwell Council Steve Eling said: "Housing nationally is in crisis and demand for council housing continues at pace, lots of people are looking to us to provide good-quality council housing and we are looking to help meet the demand."

Councillor Eling said the homes would be spread out across the borough.

As well as building homes from scratch, the authority is also keen to buy homes on new developments.

Significant

"There are a range of sites and clearly we will be encouraging private developers to come in and build on these sites. There is no reason councils can't buy houses which have been built on developments, as well as delivering them ourselves," he said.

A report which will be seen by the council's cabinet this week states housing is 'one of the most significant challenges and opportunities currently facing the borough'. It said: "The creation of a network of cohesive, healthy and prosperous communities is a fundamental element of the vision for Sandwell and the continued delivery of sustainable housing growth is vital to the achievement of this vision."

Housing chiefs have demonstrated a commitment to increase the amount of council homes in the borough, as well as improve its existing stock. Thousands of council homes are currently being revamped across Sandwell.

Work has begun on improving hundreds of council homes Tipton, Wednesbury, Rowley Regis and the Yew Tree estate in West Bromwich which will aim to keep families warmer and bring down heating bills.

Most of the homes were built more than half a century ago and are in need of sprucing up. An £11 million facelift of three high-rise blocks has also been recently completed.

Mayor fundraiser sails to £2k mark

Walsall's Garry Pease as Rod Stewart with, from left, Sandra Matthews and Pauline Blackham

NEARLY £2,000 was raised at the Mayor's charity ball in Sandwell as members paid their respects with a one-minute silence following the sudden death of council leader Darren Cooper.

In a celebratory yet sombre night at Wednesbury Town Hall, family and friends enjoyed an evening of music, comedy and all-out entertainment from local acts.

For the Mayor of Sandwell's Big Night Out, Garry Pease rocked out as a Rod Stewart tribute, performing all of his favourites along with event Soul and Motown band Dreemz singing their hearts out and Leicestershire's Claire Mac putting on a performance to remember in what was the Mayor's eighth annual show.

Mayor of Sandwell Councillor Barbara Price did not attend the event on Thursday, due to Councillor Cooper's tragic death on Sunday March 27. In a touching tribute, Councillor Price said he was 'much loved and respected by so many people at the council as well as residents of the borough'.

Councillor Elaine Costigan said: "It was a great night considering the circumstances of the tragic events. It was a successful event where we managed to raise £1,803 for Acorn's Children's Hospice, the Mayor's chosen charity. "The minute's silence for Darren was very touching."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Travellers camp in relocation

TRAVELLERS moved on to office space in Sandwell just days after being forced off two sites in Dudley.

Nine caravans set up camp on the car park of Dudley leisure centre last Tuesday, 24 hours after bailiffs forced them to move on from the Showcase Cinema site. Travellers moved on to Shaftesbury House in High Street, West Bromwich on Friday, with the council working with local authorities to provide an enforcement notice.

Councillor Bawa Dhallu believes travellers illegally moving on to sites is an ongoing problem. He said: "It's an issue I've had to deal with a quite often in my time as councillor. Travellers just seem to move from one place to another in a close proximity, which can be a huge inconvenience for workers and the public."

Strategic director for the place directorate at Dudley Council, Alan Lunt, also apologised for the problems caused with travellers camping on the leisure centre, but stressed they worked swiftly with police to move them on on Thursday night.

Probe launched after man shot

DETECTIVES have launched an investigation after a man was shot in the leg in Birmingham. The man was injured in the street when a shot was fired from a vehicle on Weeford Drive, Handsworth Wood just after 5am last Monday.

The 27-year-old has a leg injury and remains in hospital in a stable condition. It is believed he was deliberately targeted. After the shooting, an area of Weeford Drive was sealed off. Anyone with information should contact Force CID on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Tenants get an improved service

COUNCIL tenants in Birmingham will now benefit from an improved repairs and maintenance service following an evaluation process which will see estimated savings of £13 million over the new four years.

From last Friday, new four year contracts will operate on a geographical basis and deal with all repairs, maintenance, gas servicing and home improvements.

Until now most tenants have dealt with two contractors.

Town traffic chaos as bus leaks diesel

A DOUBLE decker bus leaking diesel caused traffic chaos in Great Barr.

Fire crews attended the scene on Birmingham Road at the junction of Cross Lane at around 1pm yesterday.

Matthew Smith, West Midlands Fire Service spokesman, said: "A small amount of diesel had spilt onto the carriageway causing traffic to come to a standstill while absorbing powder and sand were put in place."

The clean-up took around one hour. Traffic was moving as normal by 3pm.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

MORE things misheard in youth. A reader who did her teaching practice 40 years ago at an infant school in a road called Beehive Lane recalls the discovery that some of the little kids didn't know the Lord's Prayer. They were found to be chanting: "Our Father which art in Heaven, Hello Beehive Lane."

WITH less than three months to go to the EU referendum, I wonder how long it will be before somebody in Whitehall or Brussels tells us that, under some tiny and well-hidden sub-section of EU law, the result of our voting will be advisory rather than mandatory? Just a hunch . . .

BRILLIANT locations, fabulous lighting, useless plot based on improbably Freudian cobblers. Maigret (ITV), starring Rowan Atkinson, would have been greatly improved by putting Inspecteur Bean on case.

THERE is nothing in the 2015 Conservative Manifesto about converting all primary schools into academies. The closest it gets is the pledge to "Turn every failing or coasting secondary school into an academy." Jeremy Corbyn hasn't exactly set the nation alight with his choice of policies so far but in fighting this imposition of power from the top-down, he may be on to a winner. It is a simple matter of honesty. If it isn't in the manifesto, it shouldn't be on the agenda.

NATIONAL treasure John Humphrys says he cannot understand people indulging in the "idiocies" of Twitter and Facebook. Come off it, John. Social-media junkies simply want to be like you. They want to be famous. They want to impress their "friends" and "followers," even though they go days on end without a single viewing. Saddest of all are not the kids but those middle-aged underachievers who are desperate to show off their intellectual prowess. I know one who publishes a list online of all the books he has read. Don't scoff, John. Show some pity.

I ONCE interviewed Humphrys. He described his famously skinny frame thus: "You'll find more fat on a seagull's lip."

AS Ireland commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising, I wonder what those heroic, doomed young revolutionaries of 1916 would make of their homeland today. They were romantics and idealists, teachers and poets. They dreamed of an idyllic, pastoral, Gaelic nation, a land of legend and martyrs, blessed by the blood of its heroes and run by the will of the people, not by foreigners in London. Today's Ireland, thoroughly immersed in the EU, is subject not to diktat from Whitehall but to diktat from Brussels.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Right wing rise 'linked to hate crime'

A RISE in the number of right wing groups is contributing towards an increase of hate crimes taking place across the region, a Muslim leader has claimed.

Muhammad Yaseen Khan said terror attacks in Paris and Brussels had also put mosques and other religious landmarks in particularly vulnerable situation. Figures released by West Midlands Police revealed the force had investigated 235 reports of hate crime near mosques last year, the highest number during the last 15 years.

More than 2,000 separate incidents have been reported since 2001.

An attack on the Bait-ul-Ata Mosque in Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton was one such 'hate crime', in August last year.

A man reached over the gates at the front of the mosque to hurl a missile before returning a few minutes later with handfuls of other items, which he also threw at the building.

Security was increased at the mosque in the wake of the attack, which now has round-the-clock surveillance with someone sleeping in the building each night to deter further vandalism. Mr Khan, president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Wolverhampton, said: "The figures indicate there appears to be an increase in call-outs where the word mosque has been used.

"Secondly, we must also remember that we are dependent on the local police agencies to dictate the branding of such crime and there may have been many hate crimes, especially before 2012, which may have been branded in differing themes."

Elderly man on scooter died following collision

By Nick Humphreys

A 95-YEAR-OLD man died after being hit by a car as he crossed the road on his mobility scooter.

John Merther, who had been heading to the shops, suffered cracked ribs in the low-speed crash on the junction between Hamstead Road and Newton Road, Great Barr.

After being admitted to hospital twice in the days that followed, the retired engineer had a cardiac arrest. The forensic pathologist said the stress and pain Mr Merther, of Dale Road, West Bromwich, had suffered could have contributed to his fatal heart episode at Sandwell General Hospital.

Peter Smyth, the driver of the Vauxhall Zafira which hit Mr Merther on September 26 last year, gave evidence at Sandwell Coroners Court. He said: "It was a Saturday, I had been to my mother's house in Perry Barr, and was on my way to view a house. At the junction there was a car about to turn right, I went to go around it. I was travelling at about five or 10 mph.

"I didn't see John, I just felt a bump, a sensation. I stopped the car, got out and saw John lying in the road with the scooter partially on top of his leg."

Possible

Eye-witness Iqbal Alwan, who's car was next to Mr Smyth's when the collision took place, said that he had waved Mr Merther on, despite the lights being green.

He said: "He was already in the road, so I waved him past. He waved back to me and carried on. I don't think it would have been possible for the driver to have seen him." After Mr Merther was taken to hospital, where he was diagnosed with two broken ribs, he discharged himself, before being readmitted on September 30. He died on October 3.

A statement from forensic pathologist Nicholas Hunt was read out by Black Country senior coroner Zafar Siddique. It said: "The stress of being involved in a crash and the subsequent pain suffered could have contributed to him having a cardiac arrest."

The statement also said that the cause of death was a heart attack, with secondary causes of broken ribs, hypertension and Type 2 Diabetes. Mr Siddique concluded: "Based on the evidence I have heard, I record a verdict that Mr Merther died as a result of a road traffic collision."

Wheelie good news for poorly pug

Sasha Alexander and her precious pug, Gus, in his wheelchair

AN adorable pug born with a crippling spine condition has been given a lifeline – after four different vets told his owners to have him put down.

When pedigree pooch Gus, from Great Barr, was diagnosed with hemivertebrae – which causes deformed wedge-shaped vertebrae and curves in the spine – his devastated owner, Sasha Alexander, aged 27, was told the only option was to have him put down.

The former sales assistant was heartbroken but refused to give up on her five-month-old puppy but after seeking several different opinions, four different vets all advised that Gus should be put to sleep.

She began researching online and after visiting another vet for a fifth opinion, Sasha contacted a company who sold him a £300 dog wheelchair.

The vet bills and wheelchair have cost her more than £1,000 but she claims it's a small price to pay to see Gus running in the park alongside his brother, Reggie.

Celebrated

"At first we all thought Gus had pulled a muscle as he was limping and struggling to balance. He was just five months old at the time so we presumed it was nothing serious.

"But when it failed to improve he was booked in for an X-ray and that's when we were told about his deformed spine. The vertebra down from his neck had all failed to grow properly and that was causing problems to his spinal cord.

"I was told Gus's best option and to end suffering was to have him put down.Thankfully after visiting a fifth vet, I was told about special wheelchairs for dogs and the rest is history.

"Gus has just celebrated his first birthday and there's no signs of his condition getting worse at the moment.

"Me and my husband, Paul, have set up a GoFundMe Page for Gus so we can fund his future adaptations." To donate to Gus's fundraising page, visit:gofundme.com/guspiethepug

Tata Steel sites saved as rescuers head north

LIBERTY House, the company that swept in to salvage factories and almost 1,000 jobs in the Black Country after the collapse of Caparo, has now saved two steel plants in Scotland.

It puts the former Caparo plants in the Black Country at the centre of a nationwide steel business with a declared aim to invest and rebuild.

Liberty, headed by the Gupta family, has struck a deal with the Scottish Government to buy both of Tata Steel's mothballed plants in Dalzell and Clydebridge.

The move is set to mark a dramatic change in fortunes for the workforce at the former Caparo engineering plants who faced losing their jobs six months ago. Caparo Industries collapsed with £160 million of debt in October and it led to the loss of around 500 jobs.

But Liberty House, which had reopened the former Mir Steel plant in Newport, South Wales, just a few months before, saved 950 jobs as it bought Caparo's tubing, engineering and strip businesses in Bilston, West Bromwich, Oldbury, Willenhall, Wednesbury, Cradley Heath and Dudley.

At the same time as Caparo collapsed, Tata Steel mothballed its two Scottish plants, costing the jobs of nearly 300 workers. But now a 'back-to-back' agreement has seen the Scottish Government buying the plants from Tata Steel and then immediately selling them on to Liberty for the same terms, at no cost to the

Jail for drug dealing trader

A TRADER has been jailed for three years for dealing drugs from his Stafford town centre flower stall.

Mark Crouch, 45, of Banner Close, Halesowen, was found with £10,000 worth of various Class A and Class B drugs at his home. He appeared at Stafford Crown Court for sentencing after pleading guilty of possession and intent to supply a controlled drug.

He also pleaded guilty to two charges of possession of Class B drugs with intent to supply and two charges of possession of a controlled drug.

He was given a three year prison sentence for possession and intent to supply a controlled drug, eight months for two charges of intent to supply a Class B drug and three months for two charges of possessing a controlled drug. He will serve the sentences concurrently over three years.

Masonry at HQ set to be renovated

REPAIR work to the exterior of Smethwick Council House will go ahead after plans were given the green light. Proposals to renovate crumbling terracotta masonry at the Grade II-listed building have been approved by council planners.

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'Long arms of the law' officers to get awards

FOUR police officers are to receive top life-saving awards after saving a man from certain death in Birmingham. The man was being arrested as a burglary suspect and tried to hurl himself out of the flat, eight floors up.

It was only the long arms of the law – eight of them – that grabbed hold of him as he dangled out of the window that prevented him plummeting to the concrete far below.

Now the four officers are to receive gongs following the horror incident at Browning Tower in Overbury Road on February 16 last year.

Only three of the officers – Pc John Dolphin, Neil McBride and Lisa Phillips – can be named, but all four are to receive Royal Humane Society certificates of commendation for their life-and-death battle to save the man.

In addition to the awards they have also won the personal praise of Dick Wilkinson, secretary of the Royal Humane Society.

Speaking at the society's headquarters as he announced the awards he said: "This incident certainly gave a rather new twist to the term the 'long arm of the law.'

"The police had gone to a flat in search of the man and had found him hiding in the base of a bed. Suddenly though he threw the window open and jumped out retaining a grip with one hand on the window sill.

It was an incredible incident and the man must have known that if he fell from that height he would be killed. Without doubt these officers saved his life."

Sporting heroes due at NEC show

A HOST of sporting heroes will be playing, watching and coaching more than 30 different sports at a show at the NEC.

Dozens of sporting heroes – including Paula Radcliffe, David Haye, Beth Tweddle, Martin Johnson, Will Greenwood, and Graeme Swann – will be on hand at The Sports Show to help inspire the next generation of sportsmen and women.

Each star will be coaching, sharing their sporting expertise and showcasing their talents to kids and families attending the unique weekend.

The event takes place on June 25 and 26.

Tickets start at £31 for a Saturday or Sunday ticket, and are available at www.theticketfactory.com/sportsshow/online

Focus on books across libraries

WORLD Book Day is being celebrated at Sandwell libraries next month.

The global event, celebrating books, will take place on April 23.

For more information call 0121 569 4911.

Professor in US safety drill move

Professor David Edwards

A LEADING Black Country academic is flying high after being enlisted by the US Government to help modernise the way power tools are bought and used in space travel and defence.

David Edwards, Professor of Plant and Machinery Management at Birmingham City University, has been snapped up to join a panel of experts from across the US working to develop a standard which will cut the number of injuries caused by over-using hand-held power tools.

Professor Edwards – who lives in Lower Gornal – will help introduce a range of important safety measures, including guidelines for safe power-tool use in aerospace for the US based Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE).

He said: "It's very exciting to be working with colleagues internationally on standards that could make significant improvements to the health and safety of workers using power tools. It's also a great honour to be considered an expert by my peers in the United States. The decision to come to university to study has been a truly life fulling and rewarding experience – and I would recommend a University education to anyone who aspires to realise their dreams."

The panel are currently tasked with drawing up a scorecard which will look at how to slash the risks from operating tools in occupations such as construction, engineering and the Armed Forces. Common issues faced include noise – sometimes leading to loss of hearing – muscle and bone problems, lung disease from dust inhalation and hand-arm vibration syndrome, which can lead to a sufferer's finger turning white.

School staff attacked by pupils 296 times

TEACHERS and staff in Sandwell have been attacked by pupils almost 300 times during the past two years, according to new figures.

All the recorded attacks happened in primary or special schools, according to a Freedom of Information request. There were no assaults recorded at secondaries.

Council bosses said they take any allegations of assault against teachers or school staff 'very seriously'.

A total of 296 attacks were logged during the two-year period which comprise the 2013/14 and 2014/15 academic years. Twenty-three of the assaults resulted in one or more pupils being suspended.

Sandwell Council's director of education, Chris Ward, said the authority works to prevent incidents alongside support from unions.

"We have 55,000 children in our schools, so these figures show that acts of violence and aggression against staff are extremely rare.

"We strongly encourage schools to report incidents, so that behaviour can be managed and staff can be supported. These matters are also monitored and discussed with trade union safety representatives at the School Central Safety Committee.

Serious

"Schools are required to carry out risk assessments and develop behaviour plans to manage pupils with behavioural issues and we provide training and support to school staff.

"I consider this to be a very serious matter for teachers, staff and for parents and I can assure everyone that we will continue to do all we can to prevent such incidents."

Earlier this month, it was revealed that dozens of teachers have been assaulted at schools in Wolverhampton in the past academic year.

Twenty-four primary school teachers were attacked and eight secondary school staff, according to a Freedom of Information request to Wolverhampton council.

The incidents, which included physical assaults, threatening behaviour and verbal abuse, took place between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015. In primary schools there were 17 physical assaults, four incidences of threatening behaviour and three of verbal abuse. In secondary schools there were four physical assaults and two occasions of verbal abuse, while there were also two physical assaults recorded at an academy school.

Sophie King, aged 20, who is preparing to climb Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for the Worldwide Cancer Research charity

Student Sophie's hitting her peak

FROM the streets of Bearwood to the highest mountain in Africa, a young journalism student will embark on the challenge of a lifetime in aid of a cancer charity.

Sophie King, aged 20 of Park Road, will be taking on Mount Kilimanjaro in August and looking to raise £3,000 for Worldwide Cancer Research. She has already raised more than £2,000 through various fundraisers, such as Tesco bag packs, university socials and generous donations from friends and family.

Sophie, is a former Lordswood Girls' School student who moved to Cardiff University in September 2014 to study and pursue a potential career in journalism.

She said: "I'm very excited but also very nervous, but once I start the climb the nerves will settle and I'll be determined to complete it. I hope that by climbing the country's tallest free standing mountain I will raise enough money to help contribute to the work the charity does.

To support Sophie visit her Every Day Hero Page at k16cardiff.everydayhero.com/uk/sophie-7

NEWS IN BRIEF

MP highlights chipping need

AN MP paid a visit to charity Dogs Trust to help raise awareness of new micro-chipping laws coming into England and Wales.

John Spellar, MP for Warley, visited the trust's rehoming centre where he spoke to charity workers about the importance of micro-chipping.

The MP also got the chance to meet canines being cared for at the centre in Basildon, Essex.

Mr Spellar said: "This is a welcome development. I would urge every dog owner in Sandwell to get their dog legal." Microchipping is a simple and effective tool which helps to reunite lost or straying pets with their owners. This in turn reduces the number of healthy dogs unnecessarily put to sleep and saves money for local authorities by cutting kennelling costs.

In the swim for pool sessions

LITTLE ones will be able to take to the water in parent and toddler one-to-one swimming sessions across Sandwell.

Sandwell Leisure Trust will be offering the swim sessions to children subject to availably across their branches. They will be able to learn to swim in a safe and warm environment with friendly and fully qualified instructors.

To book for a 30 minute lesson visit www.slt-leisure.co.uk or 03000120121.

Swimming lessons for all ages and abilities from five years to adult are also available.

Rattigan play at city theatre

A CLASSIC Terence Rattigan play set in the Second World War is being presented at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre this month.

Flare Path is on in The House theatre from April 25 to 30. It was based on Rattigan's experiences as a tail gunner in an RAF bomber.

The revival of the play comes from the producers behind the hit touring production of Birdsong and stars Graham Seed as Swanson and Charlie G Hawkins as Percy.

Tickets are £12.50 to £35 from the box office on 0121 236 4455.

Ryanair's new flights to Sofia

RYANAIR, is to start flights from Birmingham Airport to Bulgaria in the autumn.

It will open a new base at Sofia Airport from October 30 with three aircraft and 21 new routes.

The plan is to offer three flights a week between Birmingham and Sofia.

Ryanair's chief commercial officer David O'Brien said: "This significant growth is an integral part of our continued expansion plans for both Bulgaria and Eastern Europe, as we connect Sofia with Europe's key centres of business."

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Selfie with hijacker is just simply plane daft

WE'VE all been there. You're on a nice peaceful flight on the way to your holiday in the sun, when some whack-job in Curly Watts specs tells you he's got dynamite in his vest and is going to blow the plane up.

So naturally, the first thing that comes into your mind is to ask the madman if he would awfully mind posing with you for a selfie.

At least that is what Ben Innes from Leeds chose to do after the plane he was travelling on was hijacked

He didn't even use it to cancel his hotel booking. Instead, grinning like a deranged Cheshire Cat, he had his photograph taken by the lunatic threatening to blow the plane up, putting the lives of all the fellow passengers in imminent danger.

Doesn't that tell you all you need to know about the narcissistic, fame-obsessed world of people who live their lives on so-called social media?

And it isn't even a proper selfie. While I wouldn't describe myself as a keen purveyor of the medium, it is my understanding that a selfie has to be taken by the person in the picture.

And as we can see from the images which have been plastered all around the world over the past week, both his hands are clearly visible.

So he either asked Curly if he would kindly take his hand off his suicide belt for a moment and hold the camera, which seems a tad unlikely, or he roped somebody else in to take the picture. What a pair of clowns.

Innes said he went through a "thorough thought process", and wanted to show the hijacker he was human. But I'm really not convinced. Far from reassuring the hijacker, I think such behaviour would freak anybody out. The likelihood is the thought "this guy's an even bigger weirdo than me".

Thankfully, it turned out that the hijacker was not carrying any explosives, and the passengers escaped unharmed. But it could have been very different.

Ben Innes, by the way, is a health-and-safety auditor.

Remember this next time you hear about children being told to wear goggles for conkers, bus drivers who have to wear high-visibility jackets, or builders who are not allowed to climb ladders.

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ON Friday, 40 members of the public wore Piers Morgan masks and boarded the giant DY Eye Ferris wheel in Dudley.

Some may recall the renowned sage had described the wheel as offering a horrible view.

"I can't think of a grimmer panorama than Dudley at 7.37 in the morning," said the great man.

I certainly can't think of a grimmer one than last Friday.

Ivan and Yvonne have fun in a photo booth

Ivan Partridge in hospital with devoted wife Yvonne

Ivan with his granchildren Daniyal and Harley

Courageous Ivan loses cancer battle

Cancer patient Ivan Partridge will leave a fundraising legacy following his death at the age of 55. **ANDY TURTON** reports

AN inspirational cancer sufferer who had kickstarted a charity fundraising effort for a hospice has died aged 55.

Ivan Partridge was diagnosed last year with a rare form of melanoma leading to him needing major facial surgery.

He had been taken into Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice within the last fortnight and offered revolutionary treatment.

Last week, The Chronicle told how he was facing the future with a smile thanks to his fundraising efforts. However, the inspirational company director has since lost his courageous fight against the disease.

Since his diagnosis Mr Partridge, from Quarry Bank, had vowed to help raise money for Mary Stevens Hospice.

Family

Charity nights, collections and a mammoth bike ride are all helping towards bringing in cash.

And his family say the fundraising efforts will continue in his name giving them a great deal of comfort as they grieve.

His wife Yvonne, 55, said: "He fought to be get better. He wanted to carry on. He didn't want to die.

"But I know he will be with us on his bike. It has been a really big help to know that the fundraising will carry on."

Initially, Mr Partridge visited doctors complaining over a blocked nose and having an operation to remove nasal polyps. But doctors later broke the news he had a rare strain of melanoma and faced major facial surgery.

The family celebrates on Ivan and Yvonne's wedding day

The couple wed at Dudley Register Office

Donations

The couple married last August at Dudley Register Office at Priory Hall and decided to raise money for the hospice by having donations instead of wedding gifts.

A funding club night was also held.

Just last week Mr Partridge said of the fundraising efforts: "It has give me something to focus on. You just have to live for every day."

He also thanked his family for their support including daughter Rebecca, 23, and 18-month-old grandson Daniyal, and step-daughter Emma, 28, and her partner Michael, and Emma's children Harley, four, and 11-month-old Hudson, and step-son Aaron, 23.

Family friend Richard Stafford has organised a bike ride to help push the cash total past £10,000. In June, Mr Stafford will be taking on a charity bike ride from Land's End to John O' Groats.

Money raised will also be split with a charity supporting motor neurone disease sufferers after his friend Robert Owen was diagnosed with the condition.

Mr Stafford said: "The bike ride will be in Ivan's memory too. It is so sad."

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How Darren helped save Ring & Ride

I WOULD like to pay a quite particular tribute to the late Darren Cooper, and this is in connection with West Midlands Ring & Ride. Along with his six other West Midlands council leaders at the turn of 2013/14, Darren was wrestling with how on earth to make the huge cuts in council budgets then (and still!) being imposed on local authorities by the Conservative Government and still maintain essential services.

One idea under active consideration was to split up the West Midlands wide Centro funded Ring & Ride service and leave it to district councils to decide what accessible transport they would offer less mobile citizens, if any.The leaders at their meeting in February 2014 were visibly shaken to see a small group of us campaigners appear before them with a trolley-load of 57,000 'Save Ring & Ride' signatures.Darren either volunteered, or was selected, to carry out a review of Ring & Ride. His huge achievement included putting in the review legwork amongst all his other duties as council leader. He not only came up with a plan that would ensure Ring & Ride survived and thrived – including a first-ever three-year funding commitment, to enable stability and forward planning – but also persuaded his colleague Labour leaders to give up any thoughts of breaking up the unified county-wide service and to back his plan to save Ring & Ride.

So tens of thousands of service users present and future, and their supporters, owe Darren a huge debt of gratitude.

Darren, for this and all your other achievements, you will be sorely missed. May you rest in peace.

CLLR RICHARD WORRALL
Walsall

Hospital visits were night time

WITH reference to my letter regarding the bus service to City Hospital and the subsequent reply from Mr Johnson of Smethwick.

What I did not make clear in my letter was the fact that we only had one daytime visit at City Hospital. In all we had to make most of the visits to City Hospital during the night. There are no buses available during night hours.

My point is that in a situation like this, I would have thought our local hospital would have been able to deal with his condition. He had several nosebleeds and travelling on a bus would not have been appropriate.

I have since been advised of the bus route to City Hospital. Even daytime hours travelling by bus in this condition would have been very difficult. Mr Johnson appears to assume we live in the Smethwick area. In fact we live in West Bromwich. Changing buses would have been unimaginable.

J BROWN
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Where does foreign aid money really go?

IN the budget, once again Britain's payments of Foreign Aid was ring fenced at 0.7 per cent of gross national income (around 12 billion pounds) to the delight of the house, and all the usual reasons trumpeted, morally right, helping under developed countries, etc.

But this is not the full story of foreign aid. It is an EU directive for us to give 0.7 per cent. We have no choice, and not all of our money goes to where it should go. An investigation was undertaken a few years ago into foreign aid and the Department of International Development, who administers this money. It was revealed that £1.4 billion, one-sixth of DfiD's budget is diverted to the EU for its own schemes. Some of the things found were, £800,000 spent on a water park being built in Morocco by French owned Center Parcs.

£20m was given to Iceland from the EU fund subsidised by British Aid, which was to prepare Iceland for EU membership, even though two-thirds of the country no longer wished to join. Judging by the way this foreign aid is set for us by the EU, (without the general public knowing) how many more little schemes should we know about?

B K WILLIAMS
Tipton

Hipocrisy of killer extremists

WITH the tragic and heart-tugging events we have witnessed in Brussels and formerly Paris a lot has been said and written around who these perpetrators are, where they come from and so on.

They almost always seemed to be dressed in western style clothing, use western technology and have undoubtedly experienced western hospitality, and yet claim all westerners be infidels and targets, hypocrisy at its most extreme.

So the question must be, someone somewhere with more money than sense is funding these killers.

Why can't the mighty powers of the world's biggest nations discover who is paying the bills, or supplying the weapons? Would it be speculation to suggest there could be an enemy within, ISIS have been moulded groomed and bred with billions behind them, and yet no-one seemingly knows from where.

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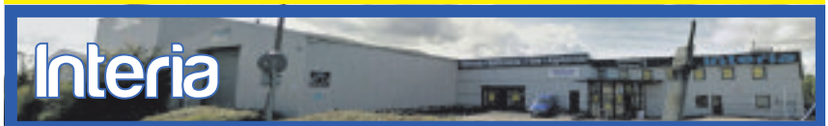

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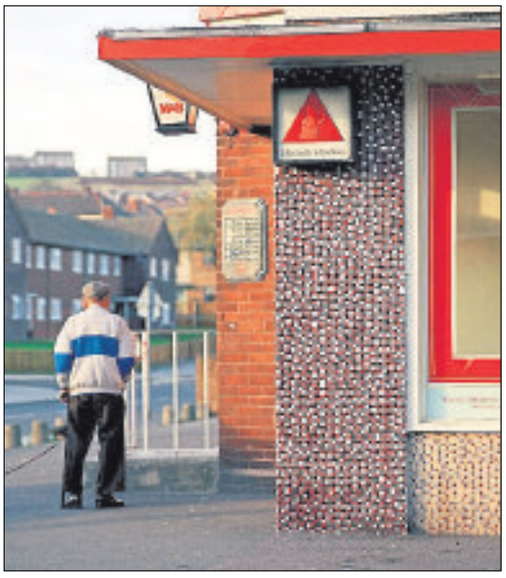
Shopkeepers serving the residents of the Lion Estate

The towers at Oldbury which at the time came to represent the economic decline of the 90s

A resident of Harry Price House in her kitchen with the original 1962 fixtures and fittings



The Phoenix pub on the Lion Farm estate 25 years ago

Moving day – the photograph captures two residents moving their possessions in a wheelbarrow

Estate of being in the past

THEY were ordinary people going about their everyday business on a Black Country housing estate – blissfully unaware that 25 years later their faces would be on display in an London art gallery.

But that is what has happened as photographer Robert Clayton prepares to launch a two-month exhibition in the capital – potentially opening up a small corner of the Black Country to tourists from all over the world.

The exhibition will feature images from Mr Clayton's book Estate, which was released last year.

They were all taken during a visit to the Lion Farm estate in Oldbury in 1990 as part of a university project.

He happened to be driving past the estate – which was once home to Pete Williams from Dexys Midnight Runners – while studying at Wolverhampton University when he decided he had found the perfect subject for his work.

It was far from perfect – tower blocks dominated the skyline in a rather grim-looking landscape – but nevertheless it had a certain charm. The young snapper wanted to document life on a typical housing estate, long before programmes like Benefits Street came along. He was invited into the homes of residents and he photographed them going about their everyday lives, be it watching television or smoking a cigarette.

Now those very people will be up in lights in swanky London venue Four Corners, in Bethnal Green. The exhibition will run from April 8 to May 29 after getting funding from the Arts Council. A short film following him on his return to the estate last year will also be shown.

Mr Clayton said: "It's great to have it in London and at an established venue. It's not the Tate Modern but it's quite well known. I am hoping to get a decent footfall in there."

He said he was looking forward to promoting the Black Country to people from London and beyond.

"A lot of people, the first thing they ask me is where this was and I say the West Midlands and try to describe it. It's not a very well known place, specifically Oldbury in the West Midlands and now it is going to be on display in the capital for two months," he said.

Alcohol firm chiefs face £2.5m fine after blaze

BOSSES of an alcohol factory in Oldbury which burst into flames are facing a fine of up to £2.5 million for breaching health and safety regulations.

Around 70 firefighters were drafted in to tackle the devastating blaze at Alcohols Ltd in Crosswells Road, Langley, in November 2012.

Huge plumes of smoke and fireballs could be seen for miles and 16 homes were left uninhabitable after the fire spread to nearby properties.

Adam Wallis, managing director of Alcohols Ltd, appeared at Sandwell Magistrates' Court last Tuesday when he pleaded guilty, on behalf of the company, to two charges relating to the breach of health and safety regulations.

Firefighters seen in action

The dramatic fire in November, 2012

Alcohols Ltd boss Adam Wallis

A firefighter surveys the damage

Standards

Mr Nathan Cook, prosecuting for the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), said the company could now be facing a fine of up to £2.5 million when it is sentenced on April 26, at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

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Youngsters in charge as they take over at council

YOUNG people jumped at the chance to help run Sandwell Council business when they took part in a takeover day.

Teenagers from Q3 Academy, Holly Lodge School, Sandwell's Looked After Young People's board, the Shape youth forum and Sandwell Youth Parliament, spent the day at Sandwell Council.

During the takeover they attended workshops with cabinet member for children's services Councillor Simon Hackett as well as John Harris, chairman of Sandwell Safeguarding Board.

They also met staff from the Sandwell Clinical Commissioning Group, the police, fire service, NHS and voluntary sector.

These organisations make up the Safeguarding Children's Board and work together to keep children in Sandwell safe.

Front row from left, Charlotte Wright, Ieasha Hamrahi, Jamie Priddey, Sasha Bunn, Eloise Duce, Chelsea Thompson. Back row, Rizwana Arif, Priya Kumari, Edwin Boateng, Gurmaad Omer, Sara Banares, Keisha Eaton, Lydia Bradbury and David Nemec

Important

The aim of the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge is to encourage young people to have their say about council services and to understand how a council works.

Councillor Simon Hackett, cabinet member for children's services, said: "It is important we open our doors to young people and encourage them to find out more about council decisions, as well as what they can do to influence those decisions.

"It is important we listen to young people all year round and this event was part of our commitment to them.

"They all asked good questions and really challenged us. I hope the takeover inspired them and helped them understand how they can play a positive part in their communities."

John Harris, chair of Sandwell Safeguarding Board, added: "The young people engaged board members, challenged them, and stretched their thinking. They were a great credit to themselves and the schools and colleges they represented."

The youngsters seen with members of staff at Sandwell Council

There are future youth takeovers planned for the police and Sandwell's health and well-being board. These takeovers forms part of Sandwell Council's SHAPE programme for young people.

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NHS HEROES

Kelly focusing on the faeces

IT MAY NOT BE the most polite topic of after dinner conversation, but for Lead Nurse Kelly Stackhouse, it is her job and her passion, and for her it is all a question of poo.

Putting in a lot of hard work and dedication, Kelly has grown her service to what it is today, helping patients with difficult symptoms and winning awards at the same time!

Kelly, a 34-year-old mum-of-two from Shire Oak, joined Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust in 1999 when she was just 17.

"I started as a trust cadet," she explains. "Then I trained as a nurse and worked on Priory 2, and worked my way up to become a sister."

She cites her interests as being more surgical than medical, and although an interest in bowels and colorectal function might turn some people away, it has always fascinated Kelly.

"It's interesting to see how things work, or don't work, with our patients," she says. "That's part of the reason I set up the FINCH Service, because even though we're small we are one of the few in the country that offer our service."

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This week we highlight:
KELLY STACKHOUSE
Lead nurse

Taboo

The FINCH Service (Faecal Incontinence and Chronic Constipation Healthcare) was her brainchild, and now it's going to be reaching a lot more people as it becomes BCA FINCH and is accessible to all those in the Black Country Alliance Trust.

"Poo can be such a taboo subject, so being able to extend a service where it's absolutely okay to come in and share experiences and suggestions with one another without any fear or judgment is essential. I got into this job originally because I wanted to help people and I strive to improve people's quality of life every day.

"It is fundamental for us to listen and advise and help people get back into society if their issue has isolated them for a long time."

So dedicated to her service is Kelly, she has been shortlisted for the prestigious Royal College of Nursing's Nurse of the Year – Patient Choice Award. Her nomination came from a heartfelt write-up from one of her patients, and for Kelly this is one of the best parts about the award itself.

"It makes you even more appreciative of what you do for patients," she says. "It may seem like all you're doing is offering a simple suggestion to a person, but it can impact their lives in ways we can't see or know. Incontinence issues can be so socially isolating and to know you've helped someone get their life back even a little bit makes what I do worth it."

"I'm very honoured to have received this nomination because the award is so massive – it's like the Oscars in nursing terms! It means so much that a patient felt so moved and took the time to nominate me. But I have to say that this award is a team effort. The service is still only small – there are only three of us at the moment – and my colleagues Elizabeth Clarson and Jodie Smith are invaluable."

The next step for Kelly is to work with the other two Trusts in Walsall and Dudley that make up the Black Country Alliance in preparation for the service to go wider across the BlackCountry. Their aim is to extend the team so they can be seeing patients by the summer, so it's promising to be a very busy few months for Kelly and her team!

Despite her hectic schedule, there are three people in her life Kelly always makes time for.

"There's nothing I love more than spending quality time with my family," Kelly says. "I've got Charlotte, who's nine, and Harry, who's three. I've also been married for six years now and Ilove spending as much time with the family as I can."

To vote for Kelly in the RCNi Awards, visit https://secure.rcni.com/nurse-awards/patients-choice-voting.asp. Voting is open up until Friday April 29.

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Alcohol firm chiefs face £2.5m fine after blaze

BOSSES of an alcohol factory in Oldbury which burst into flames are facing a fine of up to £2.5 million for breaching health and safety regulations.

Around 70 firefighters were drafted in to tackle the devastating blaze at Alcohols Ltd in Crosswells Road, Langley, in November 2012.

Huge plumes of smoke and fireballs could be seen for miles and 16 homes were left uninhabitable after the fire spread to nearby properties.

Adam Wallis, managing director of Alcohols Ltd, appeared at Sandwell Magistrates' Court last Tuesday when he pleaded guilty, on behalf of the company, to two charges relating to the breach of health and safety regulations.

Firefighters seen in action

The dramatic fire in November, 2012

Alcohols Ltd boss Adam Wallis

A firefighter surveys the damage

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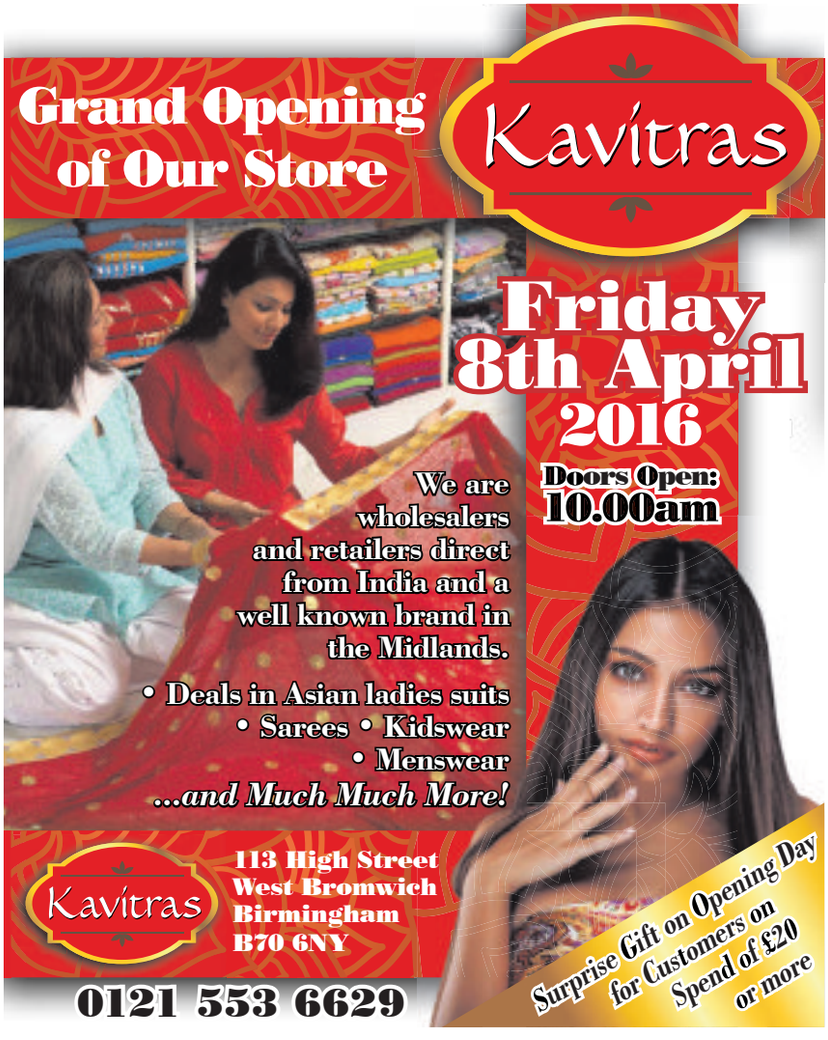

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Police manhunt follows acid attack on blind man

A CALLOUS attacker who sprayed acid in the face of a blind man was being hunted by police.

This is the man who is believed to have been behind the attack on the defenceless victim in Halesowen.

The 54-year-old was being guided to the passenger seat of a car parked on Belgrave Road, Shell Corner, when the attacker approached and squirted a liquid substance into his eyes.

The acid caused a painful burning sensation and the man was taken to hospital. He was treated for minor injuries and later discharged but has been left terrified following the sickening attack.

The liquid was analysed by experts and found to have an acidic PH level. Police chiefs today said they believe it may have been a targeted attack.

Tracksuit

They have now called for anyone who recognises him to come forward to help them take the dangerous man off the streets. The attack happened at around 4pm on February 1. In the images, he is seen wearing a black tracksuit, a grey woolly hat, dark sunglasses and a black scarf.

West Midlands Police spokesman Lee Page said: "This was a serious attack which has left a vulnerable man frightened. We would appeal with anyone with information to contact Pc Surinder Sangha at Smethwick Police Station on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111."

Councillor Stuart Henley, who represents the Shell Corner area, said he was gobsmacked by what had happened. He said: "It is disgusting for something like that to happen to anyone at all but especially to a blind person. He must have been intending to do it if he was carrying it around."

A CCTV image released of a man being linked to an acid attack

Zero tolerance on city yobs

SEVERAL areas of Birmingham city centre have become 'zero tolerance zones' for troublemakers in a bid to deter anti-social behaviour.

Officers from Birmingham City Council and West Midlands Police are using new legislation to stop people causing a nuisance. A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) has been put in place in Eastside which includes Fazeley Street, Park Street, New Canal Street, Curzon Street, Cardigan Street, and Fox Street.

The second will cover Dale End including Bull Street, Upper Bull Street, High Street, Carrs Lane and New Meeting Street. PSPOs are used under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and are intended to crackdown on many several types of nuisance behaviour in a public area.

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Pupils beat the rest

Schoolchildren taking part in Beat the Street

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All Saints CofE Primary School in Wilford Road, West Bromwich, tops the overall points leaderboard.

Jenna Hall, of the National Charity Partnership, said: "Every point counts and remember there are great prizes of £1,000, £500 and £250 for the top three teams."

Walks in the countryside

COUNTRYSIDE walks are being held in Sandwell this month. They last around an hour and provide great scenery of the borough's countryside.

The walks taking place are: Priory Woods Health Walk, which is held every Thursday, from 10.30am to 11.30am. The meeting place is Sandwell Park Farm. Sot's Hole Health Walk will take place every Thursday between 10.30am-11.30am, meeting at Sandwell Park Farm.

Thimblemill Brook Health Walk is being held on the third Wednesday of each month from 10am to11am, meeting at Thimblemill Library. For information call 0121 429 2039. Sheepwash Local Nature Reserve walk meets at Great Bridge Library each Friday at 10.30am. For details call Mike Whale or Terry Baker on 0121 5885068.

Watchdog praise for troubled academy

A FAILING academy in Tipton is beginning to show signs of improvement, according to the education watchdog, raising hopes that it may soon be out of special measures.

Ofsted said teaching and the performance of some pupils had improved at the Ace Academy but stressed there was still a lot of work to be done.

The site has been in special measures for more than a year after concerns about bullying and the safety of youngsters were previously flagged up. The school descended into crisis after converting to an academy two years ago but now, at long last, it appears better times could be on the horizon.

Although there remains issues at the Alexandra Road school, Ofsted said leaders were 'taking effective action' towards helping it leave special measures following a fourth monitoring inspection.

The body also said the school can take on newly qualified teachers again after they were temporarily blocked from doing so.

Leaders were praised for their efforts in trying to turnaround the school's fortunes and were said to be

By Richard Guttridge

'working tirelessly together as a team' to bring about improvements.

New systems have been introduced to analyse which pupils are in need of the most support while the academy is also benefitting from a partnership with two outstanding schools in the area. The performance of pupils is also beginning to show signs of improvement.

The report said: "Pupils are making much better progress in English than mathematics where only about a third of Year 11 are indicated to be making the progress they should. However, outcomes are much better for pupils who attend regularly in all year groups, with the progress for these pupils being similar to national averages."

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£800k of schemes' money is not spent

CASH made available for education facilities via a housing scheme in Wednesbury is among more than £800,000 paid to Walsall Council by developers which is still waiting to be spent.

A total of £1.37 million has been given to the borough council since March last year by developers as a condition of planning permission, but has not yet been invested.

The biggest unspent payment comes up to £222,000, which was paid by developers behind a 108 home development at the former Bloxwich Engineering company site at Bell Lane, Bloxwich.

Other unspent contributions include £135,000 allocated for the secondary sector from an apartments and houses development in Wednesbury, plans for which were first put forward in 2006.

Councillor Doug James, who represents Darlaston North and has spoke out on the borough's poor education standing since the latest Ofsted inspection, said: "Section 106 money has been massively underspent by the borough council over the last few years and this is another considerable amount of money that is not being spent.

"When you consider our current educational crisis, it is an appalling amount of money to not be spending."

FOCUS ON WEDNESBURY

Trees planted to prevent menace parking on verges

DOZENS of trees have been planted on grass verges in Wednesbury in a bid to stop motorists driving onto them and causing damage.

Up to 30 trees have been installed by the roadside in Hawthorn Road and Myvod Road in Wednesbury after angry residents contacted councillors to take action. They said huge tyre tracks were visible across the grass verges, with many being left in a muddy mess because of drivers parking on them.

By Clare Butler

Councillor Elaine Costigan, who represents the Wednesbury North ward, explained that 'outrageous parking' had resorted in many residents urging for something to stop the 'madness'.

She explained: "It has been ongoing for about 12 months and we needed to do something to sort it out.

Atrocious

"The worst-hit roads have been Hawthorn Road and Myvod Road and all three ward councillors felt we needed to do something as the state of the grass verges were atrocious.

"Residents were extremely annoyed how cars would just pull up on them while dropping off and picking up children from school.

"We had a meeting and came up with the idea of planting some trees.

"It was outrageous parking and residents wanted something to be done to stop the madness." The trees have been planted in the middle of the grass verges to prevent cars from pulling onto the kerb.

It is hoped that grass will also grow back around the trees.

Councillor Costigan said that other methods to stop the drivers had also been suggested.

She added: "There were ideas of putting tarmac on the area or bollards, but then it would take away the greenery and that was not what we wanted to do.

"It can make residents feel happy to look out the window and see green space and the main thing is that now they can enjoy it without inconsiderate drivers ruining it.

"The trees let people know not to park there and so far its done the job – everyone is extremely chuffed."

A view of the damage to the verges caused by vehicles

One of the trees which has been planted in the town

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Victim came forward after seeing attacker

Police in stolen bus chase

The late night police pursuit after the bus was stolen, from a yard in Tipton

JOY riders took a bus on a five-hour magical mystery tour of the West Midlands and Staffordshire.

The single decker was taken from a yard at Tinsley Street, Tipton, at around 9.40pm last Wednesday.

The theft was not discovered for some time but the police helicopter was called in to search for it after it had been reported missing.

It was spotted on the A41 at Albrighton at 2.50am the next day and a police pursuit started.

The chase lasted for around 30 miles, and saw two of the bus' tyres shredded when two stingers were used in a bid to stop it: one in Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton, and a second in Daisy Street, Coseley. The bus was eventually stopped and abandoned in Southall Crescent, Coseley.

Three men attempted to run off but were detained nearby. The trio were taken into custody for questioning. Two of the men are aged 20 and 39 and the third has refused to give his details.

Anyone with information can contact police on 101 or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

A CHILD sex victim was prompted to reveal his 'dark secret' of 25 years, after seeing his attacker working at a Black Country Barnardo's shop, a judge heard.

Perverted Patrick Skerritt, now 62, was a volunteer at the shop in West Bromwich but had no direct contact with children. A quarter of a century earlier he had repeatedly indecently assaulted the victim who was then 12, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. "He bought him presents, showered him with gifts, took him on trips," said Mr Timothy Harrington, prosecuting.

Skerritt indecently struck on three separate occasions during 1991 and 1992 – one of which involved the defendant taking advantage of the boy's gratitude after a trip to Alton Towers.

Grabbing

Mr Harrington explained: "The boy jumped up to hug the man by way of thanking him and the defendant responded by grabbing the child, who made it clear that he did not like this."

The rebuff did not discourage Skerritt who interfered with the lad again soon afterwards while they were playing pool. Then the child was abused as he slept.

Mr Harrington said: "He kept this dark secret to himself for many years. He suffered from depression, anxiety and panic attacks before finally deciding to disclose what had happened to the police after seeing the defendant working in the Barnardo's shop in 2014." What the victim did not know was that unmarried Skerritt had been convicted of possessing of 12,000 indecent images of children, 35 classed as being in the worst category.

Mr Rashid Mohammed, defending, conceded: "The assaults were very unpleasant offences but each was of a short duration."

Skerritt who lives in a hostel in Hagley Road, Edgbaston was jailed for two years four months after admitting three indecent assaults and put on the Sex Offender Register for 10 years.

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Fire crews tackle recycle plant blaze

The severe fire at the metal recycling centre on Clarel Avenue, Birmingham, courtesy of West Midland Fire Service

FIREFIGHTERS tackled a huge blaze at a recycling plant in Birmingham which saw around 800 tons of mixed-plastic, rubber and metal go up in flames.

More than 20,999 calls were received by the fire service as smoke billowed high into the sky at the fire in Clarel Avenue, Saltley.

Around 70 firefighters, 12 fire engines, two aerial platforms, a high volume water pumping unit and a drone were in attendance after calls were received from 2.10pm. An on-site digger was also brought in to move and separate scrap materials.

The smoke could be seen for some distance, with shocked people, some as far away as Sheldon and West Bromwich, tweeting photographs of it filling the air. People living in the areas affected were advised to keep doors and windows shut.

As the drama unfolded, Neil Spencer, spokesman for West Midlands Fire Service, said: "At 2.08pm we started to receive a number of calls reporting a large fire at a scrap metal recycling yard in Saltley, Birmingham.

"We have received more than 20 treble-nine calls so far. We currently have around 70 firefighters, 12 fire engines, an aerial platform and a high volume water pumping unit at the scene in Clarel Avenue. The smoke can be seen for some distance and people in areas affected by it are advised to keep doors and windows closed as a precaution for the time being.

"Further updates will be issued when information becomes available from the scene."

"The smoke can be seen for some distance and people in areas affected by it are advised to keep doors and windows closed as a precaution for the time being." Motorists were also asked to avoid the area at the time.

Bourbon soaked southern sounds

ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

TEXAN outfit White Denim deliver the kind of soulful southern rock that ruled supreme on TV's The Old Grey Whistle Test back in the mid-1970s.

Think Allman Bros, Little Feat, Lynyrd Skynyrd but add more contemporary influences such as The Black Keys and Kings of Leon as this Austin band offer a sixth album, **Stiff**, that should win many new fans.

Opening track Had 2 Know echoes classic rock with it's Reelin' In The Years guitar on a riff that sounds like a revamp of the Rockford Files theme. Ha Ha Ha Ha (Yeah) has a real swagger with a Led Zep-like riff, while Holda You (I'm Psycho) has a strong Creedence Clearwater Revival feel.

Singer guitarist James Petralli showcases his sweet soul vocal on the aptly entitled Take It Easy (Ever After Lasting Love) and on the swampy (I'm The One) Big Big Fun. Real Deal Momma pays homage to the organ-led 60s Texan beat sound of Sir Douglas Quintet and Mirrored In Reverse boasts a monster southern boogie riff.

It's retro sounding stuff but if you like your music bourbon soaked and hickory smoked, this is sure to please.

Talking retro, **Teddy Thompso**n – son of British folk legends Richard and Linda – teams up with female American singer **Kelly Jones** for harmonious duets in the style of the Everly Brothers and Buddy Holly on **Little Window**s.

Highlights include country ballads Better At Lying and You Took My Future, honky tonk chugger Only Fooling and rockabilly number You Can't Call Me Baby. At their best, the duo are reminiscent of Emmylou Harris and Gram Parsons in the early 70s. Teddy Thompson & Kelly Jones are in concert at Birmingham Glee Club on May 4.

White Denim – their sound is a modern update of classic 70s southern rock

Welsh singer-songwriter **Meilyr Jones**, formerly of the band Race Horses, returns with an English language album, **2013**, inspired by a trip to Rome. His baroque pop is akin to such mavericks as The Divine Comedy's Neil Hannon, Kevin Rowland and sometime collaborator Gruff Rhys, of cult Welsh band Super Furry Animals.

Highlights include the whimsical Don Juan with its flutes and harpsichord-like keyboards, the philosophical musings of Love and the Dexys meet Primal Scream stomp of How To Recognise A Work of Art.

Meilyr Jones is in concert at Birmingham city centre's Sunflower Lounge on April 27.

London-based **Rosie Lowe** creates an impressive synth-soul album on her sophisticated debut **Control**, lyrically dealing with the harsh and sometimes brutal realities of love and relationships from a female perspective. Fidgety electronics are kept in check within lush soundscapes that enhance Lowe's smooth vocal with dreamlike atmospheres. Lowe also produced her album, alongside Kwabs and Jessie Ware producer Dave Okuma. Check her out if you like The XX.

Quirky Japanese pop-punk female trio **Shonen Knife** celebrate their 35th anniversary with a typically cartoonish punk offering on **Adventure**, including the Ramones-inspired Rock 'N' Roll T-Shirt (it sounds like Rock 'n' roll Rhodesia). Shonen Knife are at Birmingham's Academy 3 venue on April 16.

Three years on from debut Absolute Zero, Irish outfit **Little Green Cars** return with a captivating second album of emotional semi-acoustic rock, **Ephemera**.

Featuring the plaintive Neil Young-like tones of Stevie Appleby and more strident Annie Lennox-like vocal of Faye O'Rourke, this Dublin band specialise in stripped back emotive songs, warm harmonies and introspection. The moody What Women Do is a fine showcase for O'Rourke, as is The Garden of Death for Appleby. Check them out if you like Fleetwood Mac or Crowded House.

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Shakespeare in a rock 'n' roll riot

Oliver Dimsdale (Toby Belch), Jonathan Broadbent (Orsino) and Syreeta Kumar (Olivia) in Filter's version of Twelfth Night

FOLLOWING a run in New York and an extensive tour of India, Filter Theatre mark 400 years since William Shakespeare's death by bringing their critically-acclaimed production of Twelfth Night to Birmingham Repertory Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, April 16.

This story of romance, satire and mistaken identity is crafted into one of the more exciting and accessible Shakespeare productions of recent years. Olivia's puritanical household clashes head on with Sir Toby Belch's insatiable appetite for drunken debauchery as the deluded Malvolio has an extraordinary transformation in this new take on the classic play

Originally commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company's former artistic director Michael Boyd as part of their Complete Works Festival, Filter's characteristically radical and riotous interpretation reaffirms their reputation as one of the most inventive theatre companies.

They promise that no two shows will be the same with decisions taken on the hoof as the narrative unfolds each night. In this informal production the stage is covered in cables, technical equipment, amplifiers and musical instruments that enable Filter to create the play in what promises to be more akin to a rock concert than classic theatre.

You'll believe in a Miracle

MASTER of illusion Derren Brown is bringing his latest show, Miracle, to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre to amaze and baffle audiences.

Previous shows Svengali and Infamous have left packed venues stunned. This will be his seventh production since 2003 but the award-winning showman, who uses psychology to create the illusion of supernatural powers, is giving few clues on what to expect this time.

"As ever, I ask people to keep the contents of the show a secret," says the two-time Olivier Award winner.

"But I can certainly say that this show has a more philosophical flavour and looks at ways of thinking that may make us happier.

" In some ways it's the boldest, most contentious show yet. But audiences are responding well to it and I just love doing it — it's quite a rollercoaster."

Having performed to one and a half million people over 13 years, Croydon-born Brown says the magic genre can continue to break boundaries.

"Magic is a very childish thing at heart: the quickest, most fraudulent route to impressing people. It's based in dishonesty. So you have to work harder to make it have artistic merit or relevance.

"I am often dishonest in my techniques but I'm always honest about my dishonesty."

Miracle will be at the Grand from Monday to Saturday, April 16.

Top of the Pops with The Rezillos

A BAND that put a smile on the faces of New Wave fans back in the 70s are back, as Scottish outfit The Rezillos have a gig at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms tomorrow night (Friday).

Still fronted by Fay Fife and Eugene Reynolds, the band lit up the punk era with their day-glo blend of 60s-inspired sci-fi rock 'n' roll with such songs as Top Of The Pops and Flying Saucer Attack, before mutating into The Revillos.

That's the same night that rising star Jack Garratt has sold-out the O2 Institute in Birmingham. The Digbeth venue will also have a full house for Pvris on Saturday and Funeral For A Friend on Wednesday.

Movie music night with Oscar winner

HOLLYWOOD'S most in-demand composer, Hans Zimmer, is coming to Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena on Tuesday for one of only two UK shows.

The German-born musician has composed the soundtracks to blockbusters such as Inception, Interstellar, The Dark Knight Trilogy, Gladiator, 12 Years a Slave, The Lion King, Pirates of the Caribbean and many more. Zimmer's studio band will be appearing with Lebo M, known for his vocals on Zimmer's Academy Award-winning score for Disney's The Lion King, as well as an orchestra and choir, with over 70 musicians on stage.

Zappa guitarist in special tribute gig

A PUNK diva plus tributes to a glam rock legend and two of rock's great mavericks will feature at Bilston's Robin 2 venue.

New Wave 80s star Hazel O'Connor, whose movie Breaking Glass provided hit singles Eighth Day and the poignant Will You, teams up with former Belle Stars saxophonist Claire Hirst at the Mount Pleasant venue tonight (Thursday).

T Rextasy take fans back to the 70s heyday of Marc Bolan on Saturday and on Sunday the Muffin Men pay tribute to Frank Zappa and Captain Beefheart's Magic Band with Zappa/Beefheart guitarist Denny Walley AKA Feelers Rebo.

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Ant & Dec

Britain's Got Talent (ITV, 7pm)
New series. Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, Alesha Dixon and David Walliams take their seats on the judges' panel as the nationwide variety talent show returns for its tenth series, giving another crop of would-be comedians, contortionists, street-dance outfits and all-round entertainers a chance to wow the all-star panel - and the viewers at home – with their most prized skills. This year, the contest looks set to feature as wide a variety of acts as ever, including a one-man band on stilts, puppetry, archery and an orchestra with a twist, and Simon has promised that the winner will receive not only a £250,000 cash prize and a place in the Royal Variety Show, but also a 'special surprise' he has described as 'priceless'.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** MasterChef. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Kelly Holmes: My Marathon Story. **1.30** Golf: The Masters Highlights. **2.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.20** Now You See It. **5.50** BBC News.

6.00 Regional Programme.

6.10 Can't Touch This. A karate instructor, a would-be Red Coat, and a baker from Armagh with a terrible sense of direction are among the 16 contestants battling their way through a giant obstacle course filled with prizes that are just out of reach. If the competitors are able to lay hands on any of the goodies within, they can take them home, including a grand prize that requires a giant leap of faith to claim. Presented by Zoe Ball and Ashley Banjo, with narration by Sue Perkins.

7.00 The Voice UK. This year's contest draws to a close as the four most successful contestants take to the stage one last time in the grand final. Having progressed through seven weeks of blind auditions, two battle rounds, two knockout stages and two live shows, the would-be stars face the ultimate test of their vocal abilities, with the winner earning themselves a recording contract. Superstar coaches Will.i.am, Ricky Wilson, Paloma Faith and Boy George perform together one final time as fans at home cast their votes to determine which would-be pop icon will claim the title of The Voice UK 2016. Last in the series.

9.00 Casualty. Jacob enlists an unlikely ally to help him track down a dangerous drug dealer, and Big Mac becomes increasingly reliant on painkillers. Medical drama, starring Charles Venn.

9.50 The National Lottery Live.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including West Ham United v Arsenal at Upton Park; National Lottery Update.

11.45 Film: Deja Vu. (2006) Sci-fi thriller, starring Denzel Washington and Paula Patton.

1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.25 Film: Sister Kenny. (1946) Fact-based drama, starring Rosalind Russell. **8.20 Film:** Goodbye, Mr Chips. (1939) Period drama, with Robert Donat. **10.10** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.10** Natural World. (R) **12.00** Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul. (R) **1.00 Film:** Henry V. (1989) The English king leads his armies into battle to reclaim control of France. Adaptation of Shakespeare's historical play, directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh. With Derek Jacobi. **3.15** Flog It! (R) **4.00** Bake Off: Creme de la Creme. (R) **5.00** World's Weirdest Events. (R)

6.00 Tribes, Predators & Me. Gordon Buchanan travels around the world, learning traditional hunting methods from members of tribal cultures and joining them in pursuing dangerous predators. (R)

7.00 Dad's Army. Corporal Jones misplaces £500 donated by local shopkeepers to provide a new canteen for servicemen, so the platoon tries to help him remember what he did with it. Comedy first broadcast in 1972, starring Clive Dunn, John Le Mesurier and Arthur Lowe. (R)

7.30 Golf: The Masters Live. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the third day from the Augusta National in Georgia, as the opening Major of the year continues. While conditions on this famous course are notoriously difficult, Jordan Speith made light of such matters last year on his way to winning his first Major, establishing a new Masters record for the lowest 54-hole score, and helping himself to a four-shot lead over Justin Rose in the process. While Speith hasn't been quite at his best in the early part of this year, the American is still among the favourites, with the European charge led by former world number one Rory McIlroy. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

12.00 Film: The Mummy. (1959) An ancient Egyptian priest returns to life to kill those who have desecrated the 4,000-year-old sacred tomb of a princess. Hammer horror, starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee. **1.25 Film:** Stark Raving Mad. (2002) Crime comedy, starring Seann William Scott and Timm Sharp. **3.00** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 Scrambled!: Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.15** Scrambled!: Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Scrambled!: Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Scrambled!: Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Scrambled!: Signed Stories. (R) **6.55** Scrambled!: Sooty. (R) **7.05** Scrambled!: Super 4. (R) **7.15** Scrambled!: Looped. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.15** ITV News; Weather.; **12.24** Regional Programme. **12.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **2.25** The Chase. (R) **3.25 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang. (2010) **5.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed! XXL. Harry Hill presents an extra-large edition of the show, revisiting some of the best mishaps, hijinks and side-splitting disasters captured on video by intrepid viewers.

7.00 Britain's Got Talent. New series. Judges Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, Alesha Dixon and David Walliams take up their places on the judges' panel as the nationwide talent show returns for its tenth series.

8.25 You're Back in the Room. Coronation Street stars Anthony Cotton and Jennie McAlpine join Phillip Schofield and Keith Barry as five more hypnotised strangers team up to win a potential £25,000. Last in the series.

9.25 Film: The Fast and the Furious. (2001) An undercover cop infiltrates the world of illegal street racing in search of a hijacking ring, but starts to question his loyalties. Thriller, starring Vin Diesel and Paul Walker.

10.25 ITV News; Weather.

10.40 Film: The Fast and the Furious. (2001) Concludes.

11.40 The Cube. Derry-Londonderry radiographer Lindsey is determined to stay calm under pressure, followed by Yorkshireman Keith – the oldest person to have appeared on the show. (R)

12.40 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** Freeride World Tour. **7.30** Tarawera Ultra Marathon. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Grand National Morning Line. **11.00** Weekend Brunch – From the Grand National. **2.00** The Grand National Live from Aintree. Including the 5.15 Crabbie's Grand National Steeple Chase (4m 2 1/2f).

6.30 Speed with Guy Martin. The motorbike fan takes on the challenge of building the world's fastest soapbox racer in an attempt to set a new speed record using just the pull of gravity and a tarmac road. To get to grips with going blisteringly fast on a public road, Guy tries his hand at street luge with former global champion Helene Schmit, before joining his team of engineers to explore the science of rolling resistance and the importance of tyre pressure. Armed with what they believe to be the perfect formula, they produce a unique soapbox cart inspired by Mother Nature and, after training with the Team GB women's bobsled pair, confidence is high – but are disaster and mayhem just around the corner? Last in the series. (R)

7.30 Channel 4 News.

8.00 Film: Johnny English Reborn. (2011) A bumbling secret agent retires to a Tibetan monastery in disgrace after a mission goes wrong. He is lured out of seclusion by the chance to redeem himself when his former bosses seek his help in foiling an attempt to assassinate the premier of China. Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson, Gillian Anderson, Rosamund Pike and Dominic West.

10.00 Film: Die Hard. (1988) A New York cop battles armed men who have taken over a Los Angeles skyscraper where his wife is working on Christmas Eve. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Alan Rickman.

12.35 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **1.30** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Nancy accuses Darren of gambling again. (R) **3.35** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R) **3.45** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.40** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **4.55** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. **5.50** How I Met Your Mother. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.30** The Saturday Show Live. **11.30** Police Interceptors: Under Attack. (R) **12.25** Police Interceptors: Dog Squad. (R) **1.20** Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits. (R) **2.20** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **3.20** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.15** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **5.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R)

6.05 NCIS: Los Angeles. Kensi goes undercover as a highly trained cat burglar to find out why a sophisticated thief is planning to steal antiquities from a naval base.

7.00 NCIS: New Orleans. Don Lambert, an accountant who offered to testify against weapons trafficker Hugo Garza, dies after slipping away from the Federal Marshals tasked with keeping him safe ahead of the trial. In an attempt to ensure justice is done, Pride offers to personally escort a replacement witness – Lambert's former business partner – to the trial in Texas. However, the killer is still out there, and it's not long before Pride, Sonja and their witness face an ambush. Naval crime drama, starring Scott Bakula.

8.00 NCIS. The team investigates the cause of a hit-and-run incident in which a Petty Officer has been killed. Meanwhile, Gibbs works to clear a Navy Hospital Corpsman.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 The Championship: Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's matches from the Championship, including Burnley v Leeds United and Middlesbrough v Preston North End.

10.00 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. A round-up of the latest matches in League One and League Two, including Scunthorpe United v Burton Albion, Wigan Athletic v Coventry City and Northampton Town v Bristol Rovers.

10.30 NCIS. A US Navy captain is held hostage in his own office while his wife and blind daughter are abducted, and the kidnappers try to extort a large sum of money from him for their release. (R)

11.25 NCIS. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **4.40** Divine Designs. (R) **5.05** HouseBusters. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Treasures of the Indus **8.00** Human Planet **9.00** Follow the Money **11.00** The Joy of the Guitar Riff **12.00** The Kinks at the BBC **1.00** Top of the Pops: 1981 **1.35** Nile Rodgers: The Hitmaker **2.35** The Joy of the Guitar Riff **3.35** Close

ITV2
11.15 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **12.45** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **1.40** Scorpion **2.40** Celebrity Catchphrase **3.40** Britain's Got More Talent: Top 10 Live Show Moment **4.45 Film:** King Kong (2005) **5.45** FYI Daily **5.50 Film:** King Kong (2005) **8.25** Britain's Got More Talent **9.25** Family Guy **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.10** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** @elevenish **1.00** The Cleveland Show **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.45** The Hot Desk: Zara Larsson **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
2.15 Goodnight Mister Tom **4.25 Film:** Columbo: Fade in to Murder (1976) **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Lewis **12.00** Blue Murder **1.35** Doctor at Large **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
3.00 FYI Daily **3.05 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **3.45 Film:** From Russia with Love (1963) **4.45** FYI Daily **4.50 Film:** From Russia with Love (1963) **6.05** The Motorsport Mavericks **7.10** The Big Fish Off **8.15 Film:** Police Academy 7: Mission to Moscow (1994) **9.15** FYI Daily **9.20 Film:** Police Academy 7: Mission to Moscow (1994) **10.00 Film:** Passenger 57 (1992) **11.00** FYI Daily **11.05 Film:** Passenger 57 (1992) **11.45 Film:** A Dangerous Man (2010) **12.45** FYI Daily **12.50 Film:** A Dangerous Man (2010) **1.40** Minder **2.35** Movies Now **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.00 How I Met Your Mother **1.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.00 Film:** Hop (2011) **4.00** Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade **4.25** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Easy A (2010) **10.50** Gogglebox **1.00** Rude Tube **2.00** The IT Crowd **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.45** New Girl **4.30** Revenge

Film4
11.00 Picture Perfect (1997) **1.00** Turner & Hooch (1989) **3.00** Dunston Checks In (1996) **4.40** Mirror Mirror (2012) **6.45** Starman (1984) **9.00** I, Robot (2004) **11.15** The Divide (2011) **1.30** Max Payne (2008) **3.35** Close

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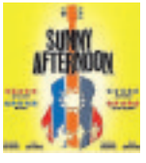

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CHOICE

Leanne Best

Undercover (BBC1, 9pm)
Maya's fight for justice becomes a serious threat to the establishment, setting out to bring shocking secrets to light. Nick is consumed with guilt as he recalls his time as an undercover police officer, and his infiltration of an anti-racist organisation led to his first meeting with his wife. When a violent incident erupted during a march and one of the leading activists was attacked, Nick was left struggling to reconcile his feelings for Maya and his loyalty to the police force he serves, but has begun to question. Sophie Okonedo, Adrian Lester, Tamara Lawrence, Daniel Ezra, Shannon Hayes, Vincent Regan, Alistair Petrie, Mark Bonnar, Derek Riddell, Clare Holman, Adrian Schiller and Leanne Best star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Secret Britain. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Life in the Air.

6.00 Paul O'Grady: The Sally Army and Me. Paul reads a Bible story to a room full of children, and gets a glimpse of the future when he tries on an age simulation suit to experience the physical demands of growing old.

6.30 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. John Craven follows LS Lowry's journeys around Northumberland, accompanied by the man who used to drive him on his trips, and meets the last of Berwick's traditional fishermen, a subject often painted by the artist. Ellie Harrison investigates how to conserve moorland and meets a heavy horse breeder, while Charlotte Smith reports on domestic violence in isolated rural areas. Plus, the second of this year's Farming Heroes nominees. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, where they value an ugly family heirloom that turns out to have an important heritage – and a surprising value.

9.00 Undercover. Maya threatens to expose secrets in the establishment, while Nick is consumed with guilt as he recalls his time as an undercover police officer and his first meeting with his wife.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Highlights of the latest Premier League matches, featuring Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester United and Sunderland v Leicester City.

11.40 Film: The Hot Chick. (2002) A petty crook and a snooty cheerleader swap bodies, leaving the thief free to indulge in a crime spree while posing as a go-go dancer. Comedy, with Rob Schneider and Rachel McAdams.

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.15** This Farming Life. (R) **8.15** An Island Parish. (R) **8.45** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.15** Countryfile. (R) **10.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.45** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Triathlon. **2.50** Live Gymnastics: British Championships. Coverage of the Artistic Gymnastics British Championships from Liverpool. **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure. (R)

6.00 Great British Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo sets off from Newcastle on the final leg of his journey from Derby to Lindisfarne, finding out about the world's earliest swing bridge and its inventor William Armstrong. He also travels by boat from the port of Seahouses to examine the story of lighthouse keeper's daughter Grace Darling, who, along with her father, rescued nine people from tumultuous seas in 1838. On the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, Michael explores the lime kilns and finds out how Christianity spread from here across northern England in the 7th century. (R)

6.30 Golf: The Masters Live. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the fourth and final day from the Augusta National in Georgia, as the opening Major of the year reaches a conclusion. Jordan Speith started the final day four shots ahead of his nearest rival last year and showed no signs of any nerves affecting his game, eventually holding that advantage ahead of Phil Mickelson and Justin Rose, who were tied for second. Speith also equalled the lowest 72-hole total for the Masters and set the record for the most birdies for the week, confirming his rise to fame and clinching his first Major. Rose finished as the highest-placed European, with fellow Englishmen Ian Poulter and Paul Casey also in the top 10, along with Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy and Hideki Matsuyama of Japan. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

12.00 The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story. (R) **12.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.35** Holby City. Serena's personal involvement with a patient affects her professional judgement. (R) **2.35** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.15** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.50** Sooty. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Looped. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.45** River Monsters. (R) **1.50** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **2.50** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **3.50 Film:** Licence to Kill. (1989) James Bond spy thriller.

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special. Charlie Brooks, Richard Whitehead, Shappi Khorsandi and David Dickinson work as a team to take on a quiz genius and secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.

8.00 The Durrells. Larry falls dangerously ill, and Theo and his neighbour put their rudimentary medical skills to the task of saving him. Spiros brings good news from a surprising source.

9.00 Home Fires. Laura is publicly disgraced when news of the Bowers' divorce hits the papers, with grave consequences for the surgery and her friendship with Tom. Pat is tempted by her feelings for Marek while Bob is in hospital. Steph is delighted when Stan returns home on leave, but the reunion is overshadowed by his fears of invasion. Frances discovers a secret at the reading of the will.

10.05 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 100 Year Old Drivers. On the road with some of Britain's oldest motorists, including a bomber command veteran who drives to the betting shop every day. (R)

11.20 Murder, She Wrote. Jessica visits a friend's Arizona ranch – but as soon as she arrives, the community is plunged into disarray by a local psychic's sinister predictions. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.30 Film:** Bridge to Terabithia. (2007) Drama, starring Josh Hutcherson. **4.25 Film:** Rango. (2011) Premiere. Oscar-winning animated comedy, with the voice of Johnny Depp.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 The Secret Life of the Zoo. With numbers in the wild dwindling rapidly, Chester Zoo's black rhino breeding programme is a key part of preserving the species. In this episode, black rhino Kitani is introduced to new mate Magadi, but with injury a high risk during mating, keeper Babs is concerned that Kitani may struggle to defend herself, since she lost her horn after the death of her calf. Meanwhile, there's a surprise birth in the orangutan house, and older sibling Tuti has to fend for herself and set out on the road to independence. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Hidden Britain by Drone. Tony Robinson presents the first of two programmes using drones to shoot aerial footage of areas of Britain that are off limits to the public. Among the locations featured is a village on Salisbury Plain that is not listed on any maps, and is used by the military for training. The drones record an exercise involving tanks storming the area. Other sites include the world's most advanced container port, a Second World War bunker, an abandoned airbase that once housed nuclear weapons, and an 18th-century mansion belonging to a Russian billionaire.

9.00 Indian Summers. A badly burned Lord Hawthorne demands Adam be arrested for the attack against him. As Ralph and Cynthia try to find a way to protect him, Simla is devastated by an earthquake.

10.00 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)

11.05 Film: Insidious: Chapter 2. (2013)

1.05 Embarrassing Bodies Down Under. (R) **2.00** The People Next Door. (R) **2.55** Come Dine with Me. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.45** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.55** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.55** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.10** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.50** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **9.05** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.30** The Championship: Football League Tonight. (R) **11.30** Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. (R) **12.00** The Gadget Show. (R) **1.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild UK. (R) **2.00 Film:** Eight Below. (2006) Disney canine adventure, starring Paul Walker. **4.20 Film:** The Haunted Mansion. (2003) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy.

6.00 Now That's Funny! A collection of internet-sourced videos with a family friendly hook, featuring failed celebrations and dinosaur attacks. Last in the series.

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents Paul and Steve face a moral dilemma in South London, when they find out the tenant they have been instructed to evict is on his way to a funeral. (R)

8.00 Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas. This week's acts include a horrifying performance using a needle and thread, some unusual card tricks, and a mentalist illusion using a phone book and a sword.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: The Town. (2010) Premiere. A thief takes a bank manager hostage while he and his gang make their getaway, only to later learn she lives in the same neighbourhood as him. As FBI agents close in, he tries to befriend her to make sure she cannot identify him, but as he falls in love with her, he considers changing his ways – risking the fury of his unstable partner in crime. Drama, directed by and starring Ben Affleck. With Rebecca Hall and Jeremy Renner. Edited for language.

11.25 Film: Hancock. (2008) A PR executive decides to transform the image of a drunken superhero whose careless crime-fighting often does more harm than good. Comedy, starring Will Smith.

1.10 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Tube: Going Underground. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Placido Domingo at the BBC **8.00** Pappano's Classical Voices **9.00** Horizon: Solar Storms – The Threat to Planet Earth **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** Mission to Mars: A Horizon Special **11.30** Cosmonauts: How Russia Won the Space Race **1.00** The Bridge: Fifty Years Across the Forth **2.00** The World's Most Beautiful Eggs: The Genius of Carl Faberge **3.00** Placido Domingo at the BBC **4.00** Close

ITV2
4.35 FYI Daily **4.40 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.25** Britain's Got Talent **6.50** Britain's Got More Talent **7.55 Film:** The Wedding Planner (2001) **8.55** FYI Daily **9.00 Film:** The Wedding Planner (2001) **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.15** Pixie Lott: The Hot Desk **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
1.55 FYI Daily **2.00 Film:** Clockwise (1986) **2.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.55** Midsomer Murders **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** The Cruise Ship **8.30** Royal Stories **9.00** Great Estates of Scotland **10.15 Film:** Changeling (2008) **11.15** FYI Daily **11.20 Film:** Changeling (2008) **1.05** The Kindness of Strangers **2.25** Wycliffe **3.20** May the Best House Win **5.00** On the Buses **5.30** Judge Judy **5.50** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
3.40 FYI Daily **3.45 Film:** The Secret War of Harry Frigg (1967) **4.50 Film:** The Far Country (1954) **5.50** FYI Daily **5.55 Film:** The Far Country (1954) **6.55** The Wine Show **8.00 Film:** Open Range (2003) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05 Film:** Open Range (2003) **10.50 Film:** The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford (2007) **11.50** FYI Daily **11.55 Film:** The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford (2007) **1.55** Hell on Wheels **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
2.35 The Goldbergs **4.00** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.10 Film:** Bride Wars (2009) **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00 Film:** Colombiana (2011) **12.05** The IT Crowd **1.10** The Aliens **2.15** The 100

Film4
1.00 Gulliver's Travels (2010) **2.40** ParaNorman (2012) **4.30** Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) **6.35** Snow White & the Huntsman (2012) **9.00** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013) **11.45** How I Live Now (2013) **1.50** Riff Raff (1990)

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
A Teacher's Obsession, Channel 5, 3.20pm
A lacrosse star is kicked off the team until she can improve her grades, leading to a new teacher taking a special interest in helping her – but that interest soon turns disturbing and threatens the girl's entire future. Thriller, starring Molly Hagan. (2015)

TUESDAY
Fatal Performance, Channel 5, 3.20pm
An aspiring actress, working as a waitress, is offered a lucrative contract to impersonate the wife of a businessman during a prestigious reception event in their home. However, she soon learns the devious truth behind the proposal and what seemed like a simple job soon turns into a nightmare scenario. Thriller, starring Nicholle Tom and David Palffy. (2013)

WEDNESDAY
Badge of Betrayal, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman discovers her supposedly dead son is still alive, his demise having been faked by her ex-husband as part of an elaborate plot to destroy her life. However, finding the evidence to prove her story turns out to be a difficult challenge. Thriller, starring Julie Benz and Samantha Ferris. (2014)

Transsiberian, Friday, BBC2, 11.05pm

THURSDAY
My Gal Sunday, Channel 5, 3.25pm
The daughter of a secret service agent marries a former politician, and together they set up a private detective agency. She faces a personal case when her parents are abducted and the kidnappers demand the release of an imprisoned hitman, and sets out to identify the mysterious criminals. Crime drama, starring Rachel Blanchard. (2013)

FRIDAY
Transsiberian, BBC2, 11.05pm
American couple Roy and Jessie are heading from China to Moscow on the Transsiberian railway when they befriend fellow travellers Carlos and Abby. However, when Roy fails to board the train following a station stop, Jessie begins to suspect her new travelling companions are harbouring a deadly secret. Thriller, starring Woody Harrelson, Emily Mortimer, Kate Mara and Ben Kingsley. (2008)

There's more to the new case than meets the eye

It's been an incredible year for Suranne Jones. The actress, who first rose to fame as the feisty Karen McDonald in Coronation Street, had the nation hooked with her performance as a woman scorned in the BBC drama Doctor Foster, which earned her a National TV Award and a recent Bafta nomination.

And if that wasn't enough, she also gave birth to her first child last month.

However, any worries that new motherhood would keep her off our screens for a while can be put to rest, as this week she returns in a new three-part special of police drama Scott & Bailey.

It's a project that is close to Suranne's heart – not only did the series give her the role of hot-headed Manchester detective Rachel Bailey, the actress also conceived the idea for the series with her former Corrie co-star Sally Lindsay (who is also returning in the role of Rachel's sister Alison).

The characters of Bailey and her more level-headed colleague Janet Scott (Lesley Sharp) were then developed by award-winning writer Sally Wainwright, who has since gone on to create another acclaimed series about a complicated female cop, Happy Valley.

Over the course of the previous four series, we've seen Scott and Bailey tackle all manner of grisly crimes, while also dealing with their turbulent personal lives, but we're promised that while it may be shorter than usual, this new fifth series is going to test them more than ever.

Executive producer Nicola Shindler says: "We're delighted to be returning to Scott & Bailey with an investigation that will have everlasting consequences for the characters. This series is more ambitious and sinister than ever before and the concept of a three-part story allows us the opportunity to tackle a story of epic scale and ambition."

As regular viewers will remember, the last series ended with the retirement of DCI Gill Murray – and following a 12-month secondment to Vice, Rachel is back in Syndicate 9 and ready to step up to the challenge of becoming acting DI.

Janet is glad to have her mate back, even if she does feel that their friendship has been somewhat neglected – Rachel definitely lost some points when she failed to respond to a text about Janet breaking up with her boyfriend.

The bonding may have to wait though, as the cops look into the gruesome murder of Michael Edgerton. Rachel leads the investigation under the watchful eye of Julie Dodson (Pippa Haywood), but they're not the only ones taking an interest in the case, as a teenage boy watches a clip of the crime on the 'dark net'. It becomes clear that a game is being played – and Syndicate 9 need to find the next victim before the killer does.

Meanwhile, Janet is thrown into turmoil when Taisie (Harriet Waters) is arrested, and for once it looks like Rachel's going to have to use her wisdom and experience to help her friend, rather than the other way around.

Suranne Jones and Lesley Sharp star, Scott & Bailey, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Into the Wild with Gordon Buchanan
BBC2, 6.30pm
New series. The film-maker reveals the extent of Scotland's wildlife, taking well-known faces on an adventure in which they observe some of the UK's most iconic species. In the first programme Gordon is joined by Alastair Campbell for a trip to the Western Isles, including the Isle of Mull, where Gordon grew up, and Tiree, where Alastair spent much of his childhood. The pair go in search of elusive otters and discover an unconventional way of attracting seals, while also getting up close with sea eagles and puffins.

TUESDAY
Drive
ITV, 9pm
While we wait for the re-launched Top Gear and Jeremy Clarkson's rival motor show on Amazon, Vernon Kay is doing a fine job of keeping petrolheads happy with this gas-guzzling challenge. Once more he puts eight celebrity racing rookies, including Professor Green, Johnny Vegas and Angus Deayton, through their paces. This time they have to contend with extreme off-road buggies, and tackle and a supersized obstacle course. The two at the back of the pack then face a fight for survival in the Night Race, with the slowest eliminated from the competition

WEDNESDAY
Tonight at the London Palladium
ITV, 8pm
New series. Actor and presenter Bradley Walsh entertains audiences at the Palladium with a variety show featuring stars from music and comedy, as well as a host of speciality acts from around the world. The first edition's line-up of confirmed guests includes Italian classical tenor Andrea Bocelli, singer-songwriter Birdy, and Irish comedian Tommy Tiernan. Plus, there is music from the West End with the cast of Motown the Musical, and a jaw-dropping performance by motorcycle stunt show, The Globe of Death.

Five Star Babies: Inside the Portland Hospital
BBC2, 9pm
An exclusive glimpse inside the UK's only private maternity hospital, where women from Victoria Beckham to the Duchess of York have paid a premium for the ultimate pampered birth. This edition reveals how Portland Hospital's consultants, midwives, chefs and cleaners serve parents, including high-society 'It Girl' Hui, who admits she is afraid of giving birth naturally. Scottish nurse Pat insists that she is not star struck but 'baby struck' as she looks after the newborns of celebrities and royalty, and the Countess of Bradford reveals the impact of her career as a consultant on her social life.

Drive, Tuesday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY
Bargain Shop Wars
ITV, 8.30pm
New series. Behind the scenes of Britain's newest bargain chain store, fashion retailer Pep&Co, following staff on both the shop floor and at head office as they take on and try to undercut the big names of the discount fashion world and become the cheapest on the high street. The first episode follows last summer's launch, when £20million was spent in a high-risk rollout of 50 shops across the country. In Corby, shop manager Sue attracts an unexpected visit from a rival, while at head office, a decision is made to ditch the homeware range in favour of a menswear line.

FRIDAY
Henry VIII and His Six Wives
Channel 5, 8pm
New series. A dramatic story in English history, told for the first time from the duelling perspectives of historians Suzannah Lipscomb and Dan Jones. This first episode focuses on Katherine of Aragon and Anne Boleyn. For Henry's first love Katherine, this failure to bear a son began an escalating series of events that tested her dignity, her integrity, her faith and her love for her husband. Anne was intelligent, sophisticated and above all ambitious. She and the Henry fell in love and together began to plot Katherine's downfall.

Boomers
BBC1, 9.30pm
Mick returns from his Spanish paradise, minus his young Russian wife. Nigel Planer stars, with Philip Jackson, Alison Steadman, Russ Abbot and Stephanie Beacham.

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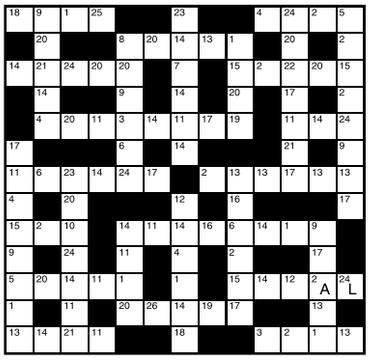

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

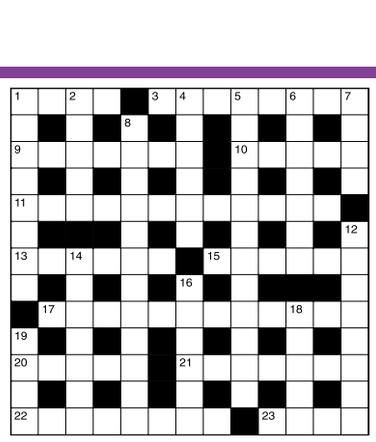
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Takes something the wrong way? (4)
3. Settled in temporary accommodation (8)
9. Driver waiting for a chance to pass? (7)
10. Dash back East to do business (5)
11. Fruit for chaperons? (12)
13. Stones used to make attacks (6)
15. Hurry to finish off the bird (6)
17. Don't the fair-minded have them? (4,8)
20. This tree is hardly a firm favourite! (5)
21. At home and being ruthless (7)
22. Perfect all over? (8)
23. Run back to the right (4)

Down

1. One girl I converted to a system of worship (8)
2. It could be well done (5)
4. Treats as a sister, perhaps? (6)
5. It occurs to one later it's the time one should act (12)
6. Possibly it's ale up at a high level (7)
7. It's not written for one to play (4)
8. Enterprises giving less profits? (12)
12. Part of a comedian's material roasted by the critic? (8)
14. Give some point to something (7)
16. A prosperous thing to do (6)
18. Greek pigeon? (5)
19. A little lower on the farm (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

1. Of that kind (4)
3. Amaze (8)
9. Non-professional (7)
10. Droll (5)
11. Agitation (12)
13. Niche (6)
15. Stick together (6)
17. Exaggerated (12)
20. Once more (5)
21. Clash (7)
22. Bony frame-work (8)
23. Tidings (4)

Down

1. Flag (8)
2. Stupid (5)
4. Graze (6)
5. Now and then (12)
6. Plunge into liquid (7)
7. Chop (4)
8. Strong protest (12)
12. Incautious (8)
14. Sturgeon roe (7)
16. Plaster for coating walls (6)
18. Sound (5)
19. Go by (4)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Make out; 7 Diver; 9 Tally; 10 Combine; 12 Extravagant; 14 Piece of cake; 18 Driller; 19 Usurp; 21 Round; 22 Come off. Down: 1 Natal; 2 Reflex; 3 Tun; 4 Kit-bag; 5 Leonine; 8 Convict; 11 Trooper; 13 Vitriol; 15 Colony; 16 Kismet; 17 Drift; 20 Hoe. QUICK - Across: 6 Injured; 7 Marry; 9 Demur; 10 Disease; 12 Clandestine; 14 Intimidates; 18 Callous; 19 Speak; 21 Petty; 22 Account. Down: 1 Enter; 2 Mutual; 3 Den; 4 Lament; 5 Present; 8 Liberal; 11 Antique; 13 Enraged; 15 Inlets; 16 Employ; 17 Gaunt; 20 Act.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Into which planet did fragments of comet SL9 crash?
2. How is the aurora borealis also known?
3. Who was the actress mother of former Tory party chairman Jeremy Hanley?
4. The Schick test is used to determine immunity to which disease?
5. Which metal forms rust?
6. What was the Democratic Republic of the Congo formerly known as?
7. What came between the Stone and Iron Ages?
8. Which Spanish golfer, three times Open champion, had his career cut short by arthritis?
9. Which creature did Edgar Allan Poe have say 'Nevermore'?
10. In which city is the hill Arthur's Seat?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Roberto Baggio; 2 Cerebellum; 3 Fox; 4 Zimbabwean; 5 St Lawrence; 6 Jethro; 7 Shelley; 8 Juliana; 9 Pierre Proudhon; 10 Giraffe.

Niner: OVERSIGHT

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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7148 gives a second metal,
3256 gives a third metal.

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Bathing beauty – the Roman Baths with their steaming water and a maze of spa rooms

Modern spa resort with views of Bath Abbey

Claim to fame – the magnificent Royal Crescent is just one of Bath's many architectural jewels

Elegant opulence – Grove Lodge in Bath

Enjoy a relaxing weekend in Bath with lots of attractions on tap

By Mark Drew

A GOOD word from Bill Bryson can make or break a tourist attraction. So imagine the sighs of relief among the powers-that-be at Bath's Roman Baths when the travel writer came to the conclusion that he quite liked them.

In fact Bill didn't just like this example of living, flowing, history, he loved it. So much so that he agreed to record his musings as he went to explore.

The result is one of the most absorbing guided tours you are ever likely to find. Yes, it involves grasping an outsized mobile phone to your ear, but it's worth the time and trouble to listen and, contrary to expectations, makes the experience more intimate and real.

In fact there are three commentaries to choose from, the wry observations of Bill to the expert word of TV historian Alice Roberts and finally a charming simplified version for children.

The Roman Baths, with its steaming waters and fascinating maze of ancient spa rooms, is the obvious place to start. It places Bath's origins within the context of its relatively more recent past. And, as Bryson himself observes, the rooftop view it affords of the baths, cast in the shadow of Bath Abbey and enveloped by the sandstone city, is really something to behold.

Bill would, no doubt, also thoroughly approve of Bath's Grove Lodge, a luxury bed and breakfast an easy 20-minute stroll from the centre of the city and my stay for the weekend. Owners Giovanni and Mary Baiano took it over a couple of years ago and have transformed it into a laid-back but incredibly stylish resting place.

Appropriately, a Roman bust greets you as you arrive. There are three spacious suites, Georgian, Roman and Chinese. Set in an imposing Georgian town house, guests are treated to their own suite and are delivered a five-star breakfast on a silver tray.

Rugby

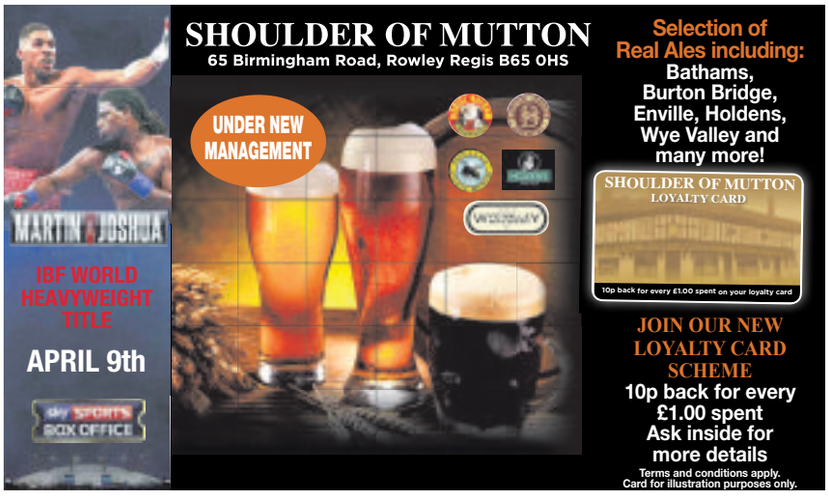
Grove Lodge sits opposite Bath Rugby Club's training ground. This is a city where the locals live and breathe rugby. This season has been a disappointment by Bath's standards. But it remains a sport uniting a city that, despite the melting pot of nationalities caused by the influx of tourists, has a feeling of community.

Bath's centre is relatively small, which makes it ideally suited to exploring on foot. There are lots of architectural landmarks in this city, tucked into a valley around 12 miles from Bristol. The magnificent Royal Crescent is Britain's most famous row of terraces. It sits close to Royal Victoria Park, where families picnic in the summer and that boasts one of the country's best playgrounds.

A five-minute stroll takes you The Circus, another example of Georgian splendour where you can wander as Jane Austen once did. And Bath Abbey is just splendid.

Bath's Achilles heel used to be food. In a city with two universities it lacked culinary breadth. That has changed in recent years and today there are endless places to eat and to match all budgets.

And, if you want to spend the day as Bathonians used to, the Thermae Bath Spa allows you to eat a light lunch in your fluffy white robe before a steam room sweat or a swim in its spectacular rooftop pool.



Impressive house in a popular area

AN impressive detached home in a highly popular area within a short distance of Sedgeley Town Centre in Gospel End Road, Dudley is extremely well maintained.

It is for sale through Skitts at £345,000.

With good sized family accommodation and benefits from central heating, double glazing, two reception rooms, a family bathroom plus an en-suite, ample off road parking plus garage and a private and pleasant rear garden.

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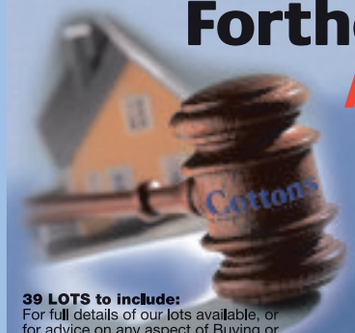
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WOLVERHAMPTON

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ROWLEY REGIS

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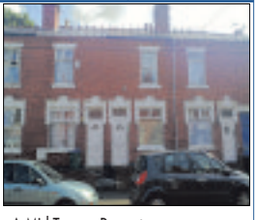

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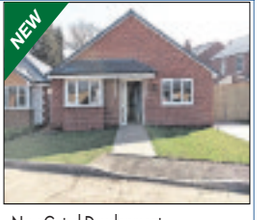

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- DETACHED FOUR BEDROOM PROPERTY
- TWO LARGE RECEPTION ROOMS
- LANDSCAPED GARDENS
- EPC RATING: C

Offers in the Region Of £289,950

Wood Green Road, Wednesbury

- FIVE BEDROOM PERIOD HOME
- ORIGINAL WINDOWS
- REAR GARDEN & GARAGE
- EPC RATING: F

Offers in the Region Of £269,950

Ditta Drive, Oldbury

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOME
- MODERN DECOR THROUGHOUT
- GARAGE AND OFF ROAD PARKING
- EPC RATING: C

Offers in Excess of £164,950

Wellspring Gardens, Dudley

- TWO BEDROOM MODERN APARTMENT
- FABULOUS ENTRANCE
- PRIVATE PARKING
- EPC RATING: B

Offers in Excess of £109,950

The Leverretts, Handsworth

- TWO BEDROOM END-OF-TERRACE HOUSE
- LARGE RECEPTION ROOM WITH GLASS DOORS
- RECENTLY REDECORATED
- EPC RATING: D

Offers in Excess of £94,950

Roway Lane, Oldbury

- BEAUTIFUL SIX BEDROOM DETACHED HOME
- OFF ROAD PARKING AND GARAGE
- FULLY EQUIPPED KITCHEN
- EPC RATING: B

Guide Price £294,950

St. Oswalds Road, Birmingham

- EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOM TERRACED HOME
- TWO SPACIOUS RECEPTION ROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZED
- EPC RATING: E

Offers in Excess of £229,950

Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury

- EXCELLENT THREE BEDROOM DETACHED
- SEPERATE LARGE ANNEX
- CONSERVATORY AND OUTHOUSE
- EPC RATING: D

Offers in Excess of £214,950

Minton Road, Harborne

- THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOME
- DRIVEWAY AND GARAGE
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS
- EPC RATING: D

Offers in Excess of £199,950

Cadgwith Gardens, Bilston

- FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- SITUATED IN A QUIET CUL-DE-SAC
- OPEN PLAN DINING/BREAKFAST ROOM
- EPC RATING: E

Guide Price £189,950

Hellier Avenue, Tipton

- LOVELY THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- ON A LARGE PLOT OF LAND
- OFF ROAD PARKING WITH GARAGE
- EPC: D

Offers in Excess of £164,950

Hudson Road, Tipton

- SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM TERRACE
- DECORATED TO A TASTEFUL STANDARD
- NEWLY INSTALLED EXPENSIVE KITCHEN
- EPC RATING: C

Offers in Excess of £119,950

The Furlong, Wednesbury

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOME
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS
- EPC RATING: B

Offers in Excess of £119,950

Burlington Court, New Street, Erdington

- FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN
- EPC RATING: C

Offers in Excess of £89,950

Church Street, Oldbury

- ONE BEDROOM MAISONETTE
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- EPC RATING: E

Guide Price £64,950

Marnham Road, West Bromwich

- STUNNING DETACHED HOUSE
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- OVERLOOKING A PRIVATE GOLF COURSE
- EPC RATING: C

Offers in Excess of £164,950

Addington Way, Oldbury

- FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
- NEWLY REFURBISHED
- QUIET RESIDENTIAL CUL-DE-SAC
- EPC RATING: C

Offers in Excess of £119,950

The Fairway, Kings Norton

- THREE BEDROOM TERRACE HOUSE
- DOUBLE GARAGES TO THE REAR
- FITTED KITCHEN DINER AREA
- EPC RATING: B

Offers in Excess of £119,950

Barnwood Road, Wolverhampton

- THREE BEDROOM END-OF-TERRACE HOME
- SPACIOUS MODERN LOUNGE
- KITCHEN / DINER
- EPC RATING: D

Offers in Excess of £89,950

Sinope, Sherborne Street, Birmingham

- FIRST FLOOR STUDIO APARTMENT
- MODERN INTERIOR
- INTEGRATED FITTED KITCHEN
- EPC RATING: C

Guide Price £64,950

Regal Court, Birmingham City Centre

- ONE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
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- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN/LOUNGE
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Heritage Way, Tipton

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING

Offers in the Region Of £249,950

Druids Avenue, Rowley Regis

- THREE BEDROOM LINKED DETACHED HOUSE
- NICE QUIET LOCATION
- GARAGE
- FRONT AND REAR GARDENS

Offers in the Region Of £134,950

Hadley Street,

- A WELL PRESENTED FAMILY HOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- REFURBISHED TO A HIGH STANDARD
- LARGE BRIGHT ROOMS

Offers in Excess of £99,950

Macdonald Close, Tividale

- TWO BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY
- CORNER PLOT
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- FRONT AND REAR GARDENS

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QUINTON **£164,950**

TIMOTHY ROAD, TIVIDALE

SPACIOUS & much improved modern home with GARAGE to side. 23ft lounge diner with feature log burner. REFITTED kitchen & separate REFITTED utility room. 3 bedrooms & REFITTED bathroom on 1st floor. GCH & UPVC DG. DRIVEWAY to front & gardens to rear & side. EPC rating: TBC

BEARWOOD **£137,000**

THURE ROAD, SMETHWICK

SUPERB traditional style 3 bed semi detached home in POPULAR LOCATION, HANDY FOR WARLEY WOODS, offering EXTENDED & REFITTED breakfast kitchen, lounge & separate dining room, WELL MAINTAINED GOOD SIZED rear garden, off road parking & GARAGE. MUST BE VIEWED TO BE APPRECIATED. EPC tbc.

BEARWOOD **£249,950**

KINGSWAY, OLDBURY

EXTENDED DETACHED family home with 20ft outbuilding to rear. 17ft open plan lounge to front. 20ft kitchen diner to rear with utility room & D/S bathroom. 3 bedrooms & shower/wet room on 1st floor. DRIVEWAY to front. GCH & UPVC DG fitted. EPC rating: TBC

QUINTON **£199,950**

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CHICHESTER DRIVE, QUINTON

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QUINTON **£169,950**

SLATCH HOUSE ROAD, SMETHWICK

Thoughtfully improved semi detached home CONVENIENT FOR WARLEY WOODS, with REFITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN & attractive lounge. 3 beds & UPSTAIRS BATHROOM, front and rear gardens. MUST BE VIEWED. EPC rating tbc.

BEARWOOD **£139,950**

WEST AVENUE, TIVIDALE

SPACIOUS & much improved home with CONSERVATORY to rear. 13ft lounge, kitchen & separate dining room. 3 bedrooms & REFITTED shower room on 1st floor. GCH & UPVC DG. DRIVEWAY to front & LARGE garden to rear with PRIVATE aspect. EPC rating: C

BEARWOOD **£134,950**

FLORENCE ROAD, SMETHWICK

EXTREMELY SPACIOUS, modern, DETACHED, convenient position, with Gas radiator heating, double glazing, having spacious Lounge, dining room, fitted breakfast kitchen, utility, downstairs shower room, 7 BEDS (Beds 1 and 2 with shower room en-suite), 2 further bathrooms, GARAGE, rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. MUST BE VIEWED. EPC D.

BEARWOOD **£299,950**

HERBERT ROAD, BEARWOOD

UNFURNISHED - Available end of April - Spacious traditional style terrace, POPULAR LOCATION, with 2 reception rooms & breakfast kitchen. 3 DOUBLE bedrooms, a STUDY & 1st floor bathroom & 2nd floor EN-SUITE shower room. Lawned rear garden. UPVC DBG & GCH. EPC rating E. NO DSS, NO PETS, NO SMOKERS. - Subject to non refundable admin fee of £100 per tenant

BEARWOOD **£795 PCM**

TALBOT ROAD, SMETHWICK

UNFURNISHED - AVAILABLE EARLY APRIL - Spacious traditional style terrace, POPULAR LOCATION, with Lounge/diner & breakfast kitchen. 2 DOUBLE bedrooms & 1st floor bathroom. LOW MAINTENANCE rear garden. UPVC DBG & GCH. EPC rating D. NO DSS, NO PETS, NO SMOKERS. - Subject to non refundable admin fee of £100 per tenant

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TIPTON NEWCOMEN DRIVE
- Three Bedroom End Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- Ground Floor W/C
- En-Suite To Master Bedroom
- Family Bathroom
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking To The Side
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £134,950

TIPTON TOLL END ROAD
- Two Bed Modern Semi Detached Family Home
- New Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge Area
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking For Two Vehicles
- Garage
- Storage Heating & Double Glazing
- Freehold

OFFERS AROUND: £115,950

TIPTON FARLEY STREET
- Two Bed Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Upstairs Family Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- No Upward Chain
- Freehold

OFFERS AROUND: £106,995

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- Three Bed End Of Terrace Family Home
- Cash Offers Only
- Lounge & Kitchen
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- Downstairs W/C
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- Loft Room
- Off Road Parking For Several Vehicles
- Central Heating & Double Glazing

CASH OFFERS AROUND: £100,000

TIPTON BELL STREET
- Three Bed Modern Semi Detached Family Home
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Ensuite To Master
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

OFFERS AROUND: £134,950

OLDBURY NEW BIRMINGHAM ROAD
- Three Bed Semi Detached Family Home
- Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- Outside WC
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- Off Street Parking For Two Vehicles
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Freehold
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £129,950

TIPTON SALTER ROAD
- Well Maintained Two Bed Mid Terrace Family Home
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Downstairs Family Bathroom
- Two Good Sized Bedrooms
- Off Street Parking For Two Vehicles
- Larger Than Average Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Freehold

OFFERS AROUND: £94,950

TIPTON WILLIAM BARROWS WAY
- Modern Four Bed Detached Family Home
- Lounge
- Dining Room ● Study
- Kitchen ● Utility Room
- En-Suite To Master
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking & Detached Garage to the Side
- Double Glazing & Gas Fired Central Heating

OFFERS AROUND: £214,995

TIPTON FIELD ROAD
- Highly Modernised Three Bed Detached Bungalow
- 24' Through Lounge & Dining Area
- Kitchen Diner ● Three Double Bedrooms
- En-suite To Master / Walk-In Wardrobe
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Off Street Parking For 2 Vehicles

OFFERS AROUND: £174,950

TIPTON PARKERS WAY
- Modern Three Bed End Of Terrace Family Home
- Stylish Integrated Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner ● Downstairs WC
- En-Suite To Master ● Upstairs Family Bathroom
- Off Street Parking For 2/3 Vehicles
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- NHBC Guarantee

OFFERS AROUND: £154,950

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39 DIBBLE ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Mid-Terraced Property
- Gas centrally heated
- Double glazed
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- ENERGY RATING: D

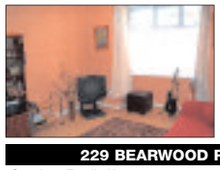
OFFERS BASED ON £94,950

NEW

58 KATHERINE ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Charming Mid-Terraced
- Gas centrally heated
- Virtually double glazed t/out
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Ideal FTBs
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £149,950



229 BEARWOOD ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Spacious Family Home
- Centrally Heated & Double Glazed
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Dining Room & Kitchen
- Bathroom & Separate WC
- ENERGY RATING : E

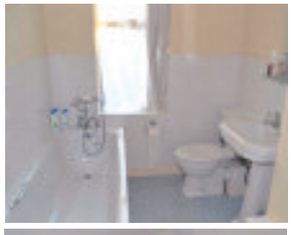
OFFERS BASED ON £158,950

48 SELSEY ROAD, EDGBASTON

- Gas Centrally Heated
- PVC Double Glazed
- 2/3 Bedrooms
- First Floor Cloakroom
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Fully Tiled Shower Room
- Ideal FTBs
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £130,000

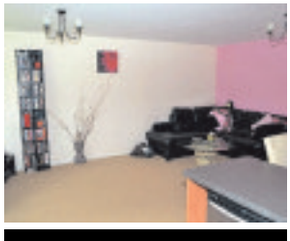
NEW PRICE



60 UPPER ST MARYS ROAD, BEARWOOD

- ●●● MASSIVE REDUCTION ●●●
- Three Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Front Reception Room
- Rear Sitting/Dining Room
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Parking to Front and Side
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £209,500



343 TITFORD ROAD, OLDBURY

- Ground floor flat
- Good motorway links
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bathroom
- ENERGY RATING : C

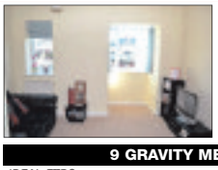
OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £95,000

NEW PRICE

225 BEARWOOD ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Deceptively spacious
- Two reception rooms
- Superbly presented kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Hallway
- Fully tiled bathroom
- Full inspection to be appreciated
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £158,950



9 GRAVITY MEWS, OLDBURY

- IDEAL FTBS
- Modern First Floor Property
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Shower Room
- DOUBLE BEDROOM
- Off-Street Parking
- Viewing to be Appreciated
- ENERGY RATING : B

OFFERS BASED ON £89,950

65 LIGHTWOODS HILL, BEARWOOD

- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom to 1st floor
- 3 Reception Rooms and Downstairs Cloakroom
- Conservatory and Study
- Neatly laid out gardens and Side Garage
- Off-street parking to the front
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £315,950

9 BIRDLIP GROVE, QUINTON

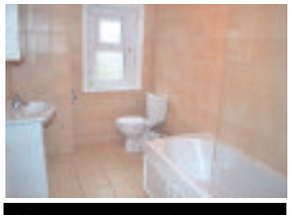
9 Birdlip Grove, Quinton, Birmingham B32 1ER. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £206,000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to Derek Spires Estate Agents before an exchange of contracts takes place. EPC E

OFFERS BASED ON £206,000

2 LENWADE ROAD, OLDBURY

- VIEWING SIMPLY A MUST
- Four Bedroomed Detached
- Kitchen/Dining room
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom & Shower Room
- Off-Street Parking
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £360,000



65 RAWLINGS ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Charming Mid-Terraced
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Through Lounge
- Extended Kitchen/Dining Room
- INSPECTION A MUST
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £144,999

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Sandys Grove, Tipton

- Superbly Presented Extended Family Home
- Upvc Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
- Extended To Rear - Viewing Recommended
- EPC Rating D
- Lounge ● Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom
- 2 Car Driveway,

Viewing — OFFERS AROUND: £134,950

St Michaels Grove, Dudley

- Traditional Family Detached
- Tremendous Potential
- Upvc Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
- large reception hall
- Lounge ● Sitting Room
- Kitchen ● Utility Room / Toilet
- 3 Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom
- Side Garage/Store ● Rear Garden,

Viewing — OFFERS AROUND: £195,000

Stephens Court, Tipton

- Modern Detached
- Spacious Family Accommodation
- Gas Central Heating ● No Upward Chain
- , 3 bedrooms ● en suite

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £189,950

Bilston Road, Tipton

- Traditional Detached Bungalow
- Upvc Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall
- 2 Bedrooms, EPC E

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £115,000

Toll End Road, Tipton

- Modern Semi Detached
- Upvc Double Glazing ● Electric Heating
- Immaculate Accommoation ● Viewing Recommended
- Lounge
- Brand New Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Garage ● Gardens,

Viewing — OFFERS AROUND: £115,950

Cupfields Avenue, Tipton

- Extended Semi Detached
- Upvc Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
- Spacious Family Accommodation
- 3 Bedrooms ● Loft room, EPC E

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £129,950

Lindley Avenue, Tipton

- Traditional Extended Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating ● Upvc Double Glazing
- Viewing recommended
- 3 Bedrooms, EPC D

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £120,000

Lissimore Drive, Tipton

- Modern Ground Floor Luxury Apartment
- Upvc Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
- Viewing Recommended
- 2 Bedrooms, EPC C

offers over Viewing: £80,000

Scott Street, Tipton

- Large Modern Semi Detached
- Spacious Family Accommodation
- Upvc Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
- 6 Bedrooms, EPC C

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £249,950

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Kesteven Road, West Bromwich — NEW

- Semi Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge
- , Kitchen / Diner

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £135,000

Hall Green Road, West Bromwich — NEW

- Fully Refurbished Detached
- 4 Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory
- , Study/ Bedroom 5 and Shower Room

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £300,000

Farhill Close, West Bromwich

- End Terrace
- 3 bedrooms
- Lounge
- , Kitchen / Diner

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £125,000

Dove Close, Wednesbury

- Modern Detached Residence
- Four Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Energy Rating D, Modern Kitchen Including Utility

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £185,000

Foster Street, Wednesbury

- Detached Residence Offering Further Scope For Improvement
- Four Bedrooms (including ground floor bedroom)
- Family Bathroom & Ground Floor Shower Room

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £215,000

Mcdougall Road, Wednesbury

- Spacious Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Through Lounge & Kitchen
- Energy Rating D, Ground Floor Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £125,000

Wheelwright Close, Wednesbury

- Modern Detached Residence
- Four Bedrooms (en-suite to master)
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Energy Rating C, Kitchen & Utility Area

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £190,000

Somerset Crescent, Wednesbury

- Well Maintained Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms & Kitchen
- Energy Rating C, Shower Room With Separate WC

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £125,000

Delville Road, Wednesbury

- Spacious Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & Modern Bathroom
- Good Size Lounge
- , Kitchen Including Breakfast Area

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £119,950

Windmill Street, Wednesbury

- Spacious End Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms & Loft Room
- Dressing Area & First Floor Bathroom
- EPC Rating: E, Lounge & Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £110,000

Holyhead Road, Wednesbury

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge & Living Area
- , Kitchen & Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £115,000

Margaret Road, Wednesbury

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- First Floor Shower Room
- EPC Rating - E, Lounge & Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £90,000

Whitgreave Street, West Bromwich

- Semi Detached House
- 2 Bedrooms
- Hallway, Lounge
- , Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £99,995

Grange Road, West Bromwich

- Mid Terrace Property
- 3 Bedrooms
- Sitting Room, Lounge
- , Kitchen / Diner

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York Crescent, West Bromwich

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- , Lounge

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- Mid Terrace House
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- Porch, Lounge, Dining Room
- , Bathroom

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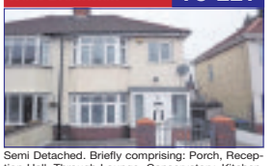

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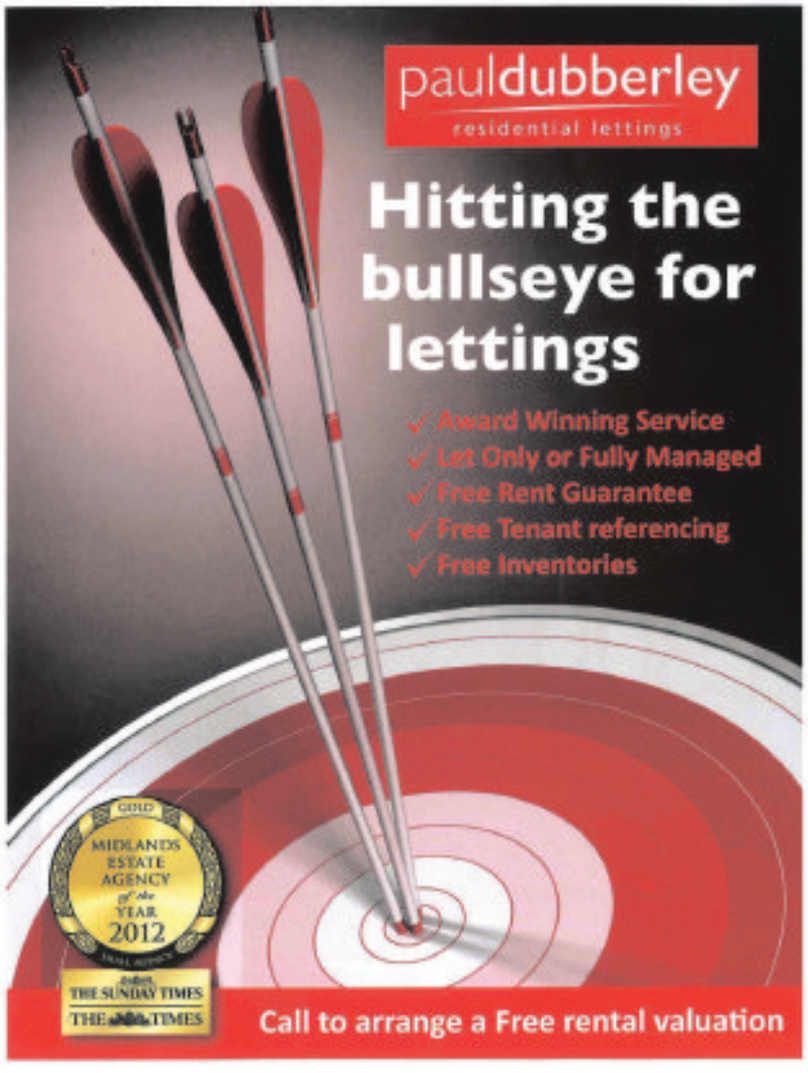

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Mount Pleasant Bilston — TO LET

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£595 pcm

Stanier Close Walsall — TO LET

Modern End Terrace Briefly comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Allocated Parking & Rear Garden. EPC E
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Honeybourne Way Willenhall — TO LET

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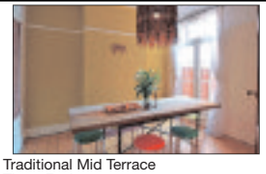

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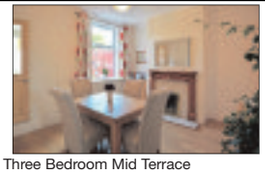

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Beautifully Presented
- Two Reception Rooms
- EP Rating D

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Parkhill Road, Smethwick

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Regeneration and Economy
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

I hereby give notice that Sandwell Council has received the following applications under the planning acts which it is required to give public notice for the reason given at the beginning of each group of applications.

This is a major application.

DC/16/59215	Junction Propco S.A.R.L	PC World Gallagher Retail Park Axletree Way Wednesbury WS10 9QY	Variation of conditions 8,9, & 10 of planning permission – DC/02/39336, to enable the sub-division of the unit, and the introduction of mezzanine floorspace within two of the units to be formed.

Members of the public may inspect copies of these applications at Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE

(between 8.00a.m. and 5.30p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9.00a.m. and 5.30p.m. Wednesday and 8.00a.m. to 5p.m. Friday) or via the Council's Public Access website (www.sandwell.gov.uk).

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications can do so via the website, or should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days (and 21 days for Listed Building or Conservation Area consent) of the date of this advertisement quoting the application reference number.

Mr Nick Bubalo, Area Director – Regeneration and Economy

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Borough Council of Sandwell (Crosswells Road, Oldbury Level Crossing) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2016, intends to temporarily prohibit any vehicles from proceeding along Crosswells Road, Oldbury. The maximum duration is 18 months, but the work is expected to be completed by 17/04/16 (16.00hrs), effective from 16/04/16 (20.00hrs). Traffic will be diverted via Western Road, Tat Bank Road, Vicarage Road and vice-versa. Purpose – maintenance work to the railway line by Network Rail.

The Borough Council of Sandwell (New Street, Smethwick) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2016, intends to temporarily prohibit any vehicles from proceeding along New Street, Smethwick between Hill Street and Tollhouse Way. The maximum duration is 18 months, but the work is expected to be completed by 20/04/16, effective from 16/04/16. Traffic will be diverted via Tollhouse Way, Rolfe Street, Engine Street, Rabone Lane and vice-versa. Purpose – works to water apparatus.

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Borough Council of Sandwell (Albion Street, Oldbury) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2016, has made an Order to temporarily prohibit any vehicles from proceeding along Albion Street, Oldbury from its junction with Dudley Road. The maximum duration is 18 months, but the work is expected to be completed by 24/04/16, effective from 11/04/16. Traffic will be diverted via Salop Street, Dudley Road and vice-versa. Purpose – works to gas main.

The Borough Council of Sandwell (Keelinge Street, Tipton) (Temporary One Way) Order 2016, has made an Order to temporarily prohibit any vehicles from proceeding along Keelinge Street, Tipton from its junction with Lower Church Lane. The maximum duration is 18 months, but the work is expected to be completed by 24/04/16, effective from 11/04/16. Traffic will be diverted via Lower Church Lane, Park Lane East, Station Street and Howard Street. Purpose – rehabilitation works to the water main.

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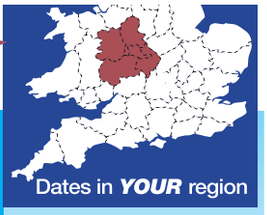

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CARING honest female, WLTM genuine guy for LTR in Glos/Bristol area. **Text only Mailbox: 4209465**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 3011 Box: 409715**

SUE, 39, slim feminine brunette, caring, fun loving, independent, no ties, OHAC, loves cooking, WLTM willing male to get to know and spend quality times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421617**

LUCY first time advertiser, 32yrs, tall slim blonde airline worker, seeks discreet gent, any status for casual fling. Looks/age unimportant. **Tel: 0906 515 3027 Box: 420237**

DONNA 42yrs young separated female who is ready to start dating again, bubbly, attractive, blonde and raring to get going, come on don't keep me waiting! **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421567**

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel: 0906 515 3019 Box: 413399**

SARA, 39, home owner, likes animals, tattoos and texting, looking for friendship hopefully leading to more. Get in touch! **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421455**

KAREN, 42yrs, attractive and broadminded, seeks no strings fun with chap any age, must be discreet. **Tel: 0906 515 3039 Box: 407953**

ATTRACTIVE, slim woman looking for fun and excitement with guy 35-40 pls text. **Text only Mailbox: 5419773**

ABIGAIL, 33yrs slim sophisticated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasures with a discreet experienced man, married or single. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3015 Box: 421339**

TINA, 43, young looking attractive single female looking for love, with similar lonely heart resorting to advertising in the hope of finding love. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421613**

EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3023 Box 421375**

MANDY, 45, friendly outgoing arty female who loves wining/dining, looking for male to sweep me off my feet, take me out and make me feel special, reciprocation guaranteed. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421503**

ROSIE, genuine well educated, sophisticated lady 29yrs WLTM fun loving chap, any age for chats, lunch, discreet meetings. **Box: 4124710 Text only**

SALLY 37 blonde, blue eyed, who loves life, music, letting my hair down, looking for similar flirty guy for enjoy TLC and life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421451**

JAYNE, bored housewife, 42yrs looking for someone to spice up her days with some fun and jokes. **Box: 4155728 Text only**

JESSICA 39, attractive fit/healthy blonde female enjoys travel, music, the Arts, gym, the good things in life, seeking love, laughter, LTR with similar male, 40-55yrs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421563**

HI I am Lorna 39yr old slim female, 5ft 5ins, many interests, loves music, seeking romantic male to enjoy special times together, hopefully leading to true love. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421413**

JAYNE, 42, very pretty brunette, stylish, fun, loves the 60's, fine wine/restaurants, seeks professional gent for mutual life enhancement. **Tel: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421311**

JO attractive 30's brunette who loves life, WLTM up for it male to enjoy nights in/out, weekends away, fun times and hopefully more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421259**

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46YR old Asian lady looking for friendship maybe more with white male 50+ **Text only to Mailbox: 5404865**

TRISH, 45, tall slim young/good looking GSOH, professional, solvent, OHAC, affectionate and loves TLC, WLTM male who also likes to be in a loving relationship, 39-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421137**

LOUISE 35, loves meals out, WLTM tallish, considerate mature male who is not frightened to express themselves and enjoy life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421135**

ANGELA, 42, green eyed dark haired feminine lady who enjoys walking and keeping fit, seeking lonely kind gentleman for good times and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421115**

MARGARET 39, dark hair/eyed attractive petite divorcee, new to area and looking to start a new life, WLTM child friendly male, single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421129**

ANNA, 41, new to single life seeking caring professional male for no strings fun, attention and laughter. Life is too short, lets enjoy it! Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421127**

HONEST sincere affectionate nurse, 48, OHAC, WLTM child friendly male/single dad for dates, chats, laughter and more. Any age. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421111**

SUSANNAH, 48, curvy female, romantic, warm and cuddly, seeks similar kind male for a loving relationship with lots of cuddles and kisses. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417341**

MICHELLE 39yr old nurse, slim, petite, blonde, blue eyes, looking to enjoy life with similar romantic, caring guy. Single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420791**

DEBS lonely 40's female with no ties, GSOH, N/S, loves the simple things in life looking for similar soul mate to be happy together with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420729**

JULIE, 47, blonde brown eyes, size 12, varied interests, loves cuddling, kissing and showing affection, seeks similar energetic male friend for TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420357**

LILY, genuine lady looking for a genuine man. I like cosy nights in and am a smoker. **Text only mailbox no: 5372466**

JANE, 47, voluptuous female, long hair, brown eyes, generous curves, would love to spend cosy nights in with that special male. Age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417985**

SAMANTHA pretty brunette, very busty 36, intelligent, independent with a real lust for life, seeks big-hearted stocky male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420599**

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YVONNE, single mum, happy with life, but would like to meet someone to share fun times with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420269**

48 year old, slim, green eyed female, n/s, likes meals out, local theatre, live local bands, nights in, looking for a gentleman, 48-52, for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420839**

FEMALE, 37, new to area, would like to meet nice trustworthy man, for friendship hopefully more. **Text only to mailbox: 5392585**

BLACK lady seeks white male over 60, any location, for friendship and hopefully a lot more. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4256384**

CAROL 37 attractive slim blonde, curves in all the right places, nice personality, good company, looking for caring man for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420757**

BEV 30yr old curvy attractive female, likes music, travel, animals, cosy nights in front of a log fire, looking for affectionate male for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420715**

SUE, 46, confident professional, sporty/active, seeking sensitive interesting guy for intimate evenings in with great food and conversations. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420701**

CAROLINE, 42yrs, slim attractive blonde, varied interests and solvent, WLTM honest male of any age. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420685**

CHRIS, 67, brunette, cuddly, WLTM caring, kind gentleman, for days out, meals out, walks etc and for just being together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420667**

TRISH, 44, tall slim young/good looking GSOH, professional, solvent, OHAC, affectionate and loves TLC, WLTM male who also likes to be in a loving relationship, 39-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420601**

MADDIE extremely passionate female 37, seeks reliable male to enjoy the finer things in life and tactile relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420563**

CHRIS, 40, attractive slim sophisticated redhead, seeking male 30-50's to relax with and get to know. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420491**

SALLY, 46, slim attractive feisty redhead, intelligent, easygoing, WLTM similar male for friendship and more, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420475**

LOUISE, 47, youthful looking female looking for spontaneous male to put some love and lust back into life. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420445**

ALEXA 49 - slim, attractive, long-haired music loving female, with many interests including dining out, the arts, photography WLTM similar male. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5345662**

CHLOE pretty single female 36yrs, dark hair/eyes, slim build, very lonely and looking for reliable discreet male for mutual companionship maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420359**

ANN,38, very attractive female, N/S, positive attitude to life, WLTM similar kind male with a lot of get up and go for romance and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420355**

JACKIE lonely and looking for male company, 48-65. Need a bit of love and affection? Then I'm your girl. call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418169**

SARAH, curvaceous brunette, 35, passionate nature, solvent, OHAC, WLTM date again, looking for male to take me out. Looks/Age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420207**

LYN, 43, divorced very lonely single mum, young looking, slim, attractive, WLTM similar male for companionship. Age/looks/Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418795**

KELLY young attractive vivacious 48yr old lady, loves good food, cosy nights in/out, holidays etc, WLTM male for mutual companionship **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420195**

CATHY, 42, good looking brunette with a real passion for life, seeking male for happy times, dates, chats, romance and more. Pls call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420175**

TARA 22 tall slim but curvy with legs that go all the way up to heaven, WLTM very appreciative confident male for adult fun. Contact me anytime. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 414701**

FEMALE, dark haired 5'10, curvy, likes reading, walking, cinema, seeks male 40-50 for lasting relationship. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5077545**

PROFESSIONAL black female age 52, enjoys evenings and days out, would like to meet similar Midlands male. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5315901**

CATHY, 42, good looking brunette with a real passion for life, seeking male for happy times, dates, chats, romance and more. Pls call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420073**

FEMALE fun brunette, attractive, 26, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416287**

MAGGIE, 72 yrs young, good sense of humour, well presented, WLTM kind, sincere chappie to share coffee and a chat. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5310040**

LOUISE 35, dark hair, blue eyes, attractive ex air hostess, looking for fun times with older male for romantic nights in and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420043**

39 yr old independent single Mom, knows the benefit of having a good man in the picture. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5084796**

FRANCES, 45, busty female, loves nights in/out, seeking uncomplicated male who can occupy my free time for quality companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420003**

FEMALE, seeks fun loving male who likes a drink and a laugh, to enjoy erotic experiences with a curvy brunette. Discretion guaranteed. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5079311**

AMANDA, 36, tall, slim, busty brunette seeks man, any age, any area, for discreet daytime fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418117**

BLUE eyed female, blonde hair, slim, GSOH, loving, caring, understanding, seeking similar male, 55-55. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416989**

MARY, pretty, friendly, lots of fun, lives in Kidderminster, loves the theatre, opera, ballet, wltm a lovely, charming, funny, genuine guy, 30s, to settle down with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419883**

LOU, 45, lives in Shrewsbury, wltm a lady between 42-49 with blue eyes, must be kind, caring and funny to mend my broken heart, someone who likes to curl up on the sofa for cozy nights in. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419855**

FREYA 24yr old single mum, looking for male for free time frolics, call me if you're interested, it could be fun! **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419851**

LISA 38 slim attractive blonde, looking for a man who will appreciate a feminine, fashionable, fun, romantic sensual woman with a mind of her own. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419839**

SARAH 38, slim, nice looking, sensual, tactile, no ties, WLTM kind, loving male to enjoy affectionate relationship. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419821**

Single Men

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IAN, 5ft8, medium build, OHAC, late 50s, likes most things, holidays, gardening, motorbikes, WLTM similar aged lady, 50-60, with nice personality. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421345**

DAVID, 41yrs still single and looking for Ms Right. He has a good job and a lovely bachelor pad which misses a lady's touch. **Box: 4096375 Text only**

JOHN, 60s, sincere, looking to love and be loved, hurt in the past, likes meals out, sports and east coast. **Text only Mailbox: 4467786**

TOM, 58, dark hair, 6ft, seeks older mature female. Size and looks not important. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421595**

PROFESSIONAL male 62, looking for curvy feminine woman, 50-70, for relationship, loves theatre, films, music, concerts and breaks away. **Text only Mailbox: 4435871**

YOUNG looking 56 single male, looking for a relationship with petite 40 to 50 year old, likes going out/staying in. **Text only Mailbox: 5428643**

MIKE, 6ft, medium to big build, WLTM lady for no stings fun, discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421359**

MALE seeking female, 45 plus, status unimportant, discretion assured for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418481**

PHIL, 53, 5ft7, stocky athletic build, likes keep fit, swimming, cosy nights in, meals out, WLTM an honest, attractive, caring lady, with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421385**

ROBERT, solvent gentleman, seeks female companion, to attend ice hockey, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421517**

MATURE 23 year old. Career minded. Workaholic. Looking for a chat maybe more? Age does not matter. **Text only Mailbox: 5423510**

NEIL 52, solvent, average build, GSOH seeks a caring romantic female for fun nights in and out, and lots of cuddles & kisses. **Text only Mailbox: 5418572**

YOUNG at heart male, smart, looks younger than age, likes socalising, looking for companionship & friendship. **Text only Mailbox: 5412069**

SHROPSHIRE trucker, 54, WLTM female, 40-65, black or white, for friendship, fun and hopefully more x **Text only Mailbox: 5411957**

WALSALL male looking for lady for no strings adult fun on a regular basis, within 10 miles of Walsall is preferred but not essential, age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420873**

DOMINANT Goddess sought by tall slim compliant white male, 50, who WLTM an elegant, sensual, high heeled lady, any age/race. **Text only Mailbox: 4673363**

MALE, 59, 5ft2, average build, looking for a genuine, caring lady, 55-65. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421089**

SMOKIN' rock geezer, 53, into gigging & camping WLTM rock chick 46-58ish, into similar, to share experiences, GSOH essential! **Text only Mailbox: 5414037**

ADVENTUROUS 35yr old male, slim, dark hair, likes music, bike rides and photography,

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seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417235**

50ISH male, seeking lady 60-75 for daytime fun, must be discreet. **Text only Mailbox: 4624030**

GRAHAM, 50s, 5ft10, blue eyes, very smart, OHAC, solvent, smoker, WLTM a very feminine, sensual, high heels lady, 36-52, for romantic evenings out and holidays, South Cheshire, Staffs, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421103**

CARING male, 55, N/S, medium build, likes meals out, music, cinema, sports, driving, seeks female, 40-60 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 239148**

MALE 63, N/S, honest, GSOH, car owner, seeks female, 55-70 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416817**

GENUINE male, 58, OHAC, looking for fun lady for no strings fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417601**

PHIL 57, OHAC, discreet, seeks no strings fun with younger female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 414991**

MALE 45yrs old, self-employed motor trader/mechanic, medium build, green eyes, average looks. I am a nice genuine and honest person looking for similar lady to share a honest permanent relationship and happy times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418709**

SOUTH Notts guy, 60, medium 5'10 seeks attractive lady for evening & weekend fun. **Text only Mailbox: 5339775**

MALE 63, N/S, GSOH, genuine, caring, likes music, travel, meals out, casual drink, seeks female, 50-70 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416997**

PHIL 55, divorced, 5ft 10ins, slim, OHAC, seeks female, 18 plus for discreet adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 401875**

STEVE 58 yrs, 6ft, average build, seeking woman for NSA mutual pleasure, marital status unimportant. **Text only to mailbox: 5400701**

YOUNG at heart lonely 55yr old male, 5ft 10, medium build, n/s, GSOH, loyal, looking for a female for adult fun time, possible LTR. **Text only to mailbox: 5321154**

FIT, handsome, Indian male, 40, GSOH, seeks Asian lady, 33-43 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 365160**

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MARK, 44, very interesting person, own business, sporty, honest and genuine, likes nights out, meals out, cinema, country walks, WLTM a lady for friendship and good company leading to a permanent relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420841**

MALE, 63, caring, easygoing, N/S seeks female 50-70 for friendship and romance. Looks unimportant. Likes occasional drink, eating in/out, cinema and driving. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418893**

STEVEN, 39, caring and clean, looking for female for fun, laughter and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420861**

MALE, 46, slim, WLTM a lady to settle me down, if that's you please get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420853**

62yr old professional male seeks female 55-70, curvy and feminine, for fun, laughter and relationship. **Text only to mailbox: 4435871**

TREVOR 45, likes cinema, going out, some quiet nights in and looking for someone with similar interests. **Text only to mailbox: 5392042**

COLIN 48, loving, kind, seeks loving kind caring cuddly lady 48 to 54 for LTR, love and romance. **Text only to mailbox: 5308886**

MALE 51, seeks lady to spoil and pamper. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 313191**

MALE 55, stocky, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407741**

MALE 57, seeking female, any age/looks for no strings fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416779**

TOBY, looking for a responsible lady, 30-50, sensible with money, loving, passionate, romantic, single mum of one welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420813**

MALE, 59, 5ft2, average build, seeks genuine, caring, lady, 55-65. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420721**

JOSEPH attractive Asian male, seeking attractive, genuine female, 38-50 for friendship and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410267**

HANDSOME, attractive, fit, Indian, professional trucker, 38, WLTM attractive, honest, caring lady/mum, 31-45 for LTR. Colour unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 219790**

Gay Singles

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BI-CURIOUS 45 years old, slim and good looking, looking for younger bi-curious guy for discreet fun. **Text only to Mailbox: 4917435**

57YR old male, slim, fit, seeks guy, 30-45 for fun and friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 309951**

BLACK male seeking black male aged 25 to 30, for discreet adult fun, maybe more. **Text only to Mailbox: 5409036**

SLIM late 50's male, seeks gay/bi/CD, slim-medium build, 25-42 for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 336329**

I am looking for discreet fun with a male, age doesn't matter, get in touch if you are interested. **Text only to mailbox: 4172337**

CAROL, bi curious lady, blonde, 5ft2, short hair, blue eyes, size 14, WLTM a similar lady between 50-60 years old. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421281**

CHRIS genuine gay female, 55, smoker, likes days out, cosy nights in, seeks local, feminine gay female, 40-50's for special relationship. Nottinghamshire. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 373131**

Just Friends

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Richard Davies is targeting a return to the top of the world rankings

Richard Davies lines up the target

Hours spent practising is paying off for Richard Davies

Richard has his eye on the Rio Paralympic games

A few moments to relax and pose for a picture

With a double target in sight Davies is fired up

STOURBRIDGE shooter Richard Davies is fully focused on regaining world No.1 status and securing a place in the Great Britain team for the Rio Paralympic games.

The 44-year-old is having a fine year so far and became the British disabled shooting champion, after scoring a record 632.6 at the British Airgun Championships in Surrey..

At the end of January, he won bronze at the IPC Shooting World Cup in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates, where more than 300 disabled shooters from 30 different countries took part.

Impress

Davies, who made his Paralympic debut at London 2012, is now looking impress Team GB selectors and once again make it to the top of the world rankings.

"I have just regained my British title and I'm off to Poland for a World Championship competition in April, and hopefully I can move up the rankings after that," he said.

"Then I have got another tournament in Hanover, Germany, which is the final one before the team selection for Rio."

Davies was a wheelchair rugby player for 14 years but gave up the sport after failing to make the squad for the Beijing Paralympics in 2008.

He then dedicated himself to training to become a shooter, and made his international bow at the IPC Shooting World Cup in Antalya, Turkey one year later. In 2011, he reached No.1 in the world rankings and then fulfilled his dream of competing in the Paralympics in 2012.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joe Edwards

"I train for 52 hours every week, working a lot on my concentration and almost go into a meditative state"

He placed 16th in the R4 10-metre air rifle standing mixed SH2 event and admitted the pressure of being in front of a huge home crowd got to him.

"London was unbelievable, our normal spectator crowds are of around 200 people but in London there was about 2,500 people and I really felt the home pressure," he said.

"I really felt it that day, it affected my psyche. The home pressure got to me, and I didn't perform as well as I should have.

"I have never felt anything like it, but I have been around the world for a few years since and I feel like I'm ready for Rio. The nerves have been put to one side."

At the IPC Shooting World Cup back in January, Richard had to maintain total concentration in temperatures of more than 30 degrees and said shooting almost requires going into a 'meditative state'. Having good stability and keeping your heart rate calm is paramount in shooting," he said. "I train for 52 hours every week, working a lot on my concentration and almost go into a meditative state."

The SH2 classification is for competitors who are not able to support the weight of the firearm with their arms and therefore require a spring mounted stand to shoot.

The target consists of 10 concentric scoring rings, with the central ring worth 10 points and the outside ring worth one.

Decimal

In the 10m air rifle event, the whole target is 4.5 centimetres in diameter and the central ring is just half a millimetre across.

Each competitor takes 60 shots at the target in a set time period, and then the eight top scoring athletes go through to a 10-shot final.

The shots in the final are scored to one decimal place, with a top score of 10.9, and are added on to the qualification score to determine the winner.

Davies is currently fourth in the IPC official world rankings for the R4 10-metre air rifle standing mixed SH2 event.

With the competition for places fierce, Davies has Rio in his sights and does not have a definite plan in place for the next few years to come.

"I just need to concentrate everything on Rio at the moment, and then take it from there," he added.

"I could look at coaching in the future, or look at going to Tokyo but I am 100 per cent committed to Rio at this point."

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Sport

Shooter Richard sets his sights on double target
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Pair of Jacks qualify for U-21s final

BIRMINGHAM speedway youngsters Jack Smith and Jack Parkinson Blackburn have both qualified for the British Under-21 Final at Sheffield next week.

The reserve duo scored seven and six points respectively in Monday's semi-final at Kent. Danyon Hume narrowly missed out on qualification after struggling with set-up early meeting.

Surestop Brummies team manager Graham Drury said: "I'm absolutely delighted for the two Jack's and it's a great achievement so early on in their career.

"They're only 17 and 15 years of age so they've got plenty of time on their side but just to compete in the final will be a great experience for them both.

"Zach (Wajtknecht) has already been seeded so we will have three representatives in next week's final. I feel for Danyon but he'll have learnt a lot tonight and he'll be desperate to score well again against Rye House on Wednesday."

BRITISH UNDER-21 SEMI-FINAL:

1 *James Shanes (Kent) 15*
2 *Connor Mountain (Mildenhall) 11*
3 *Josh Bailey (Scunthorpe/ King's Lynn) 11*
4 *Danny Phillips (Newcastle/Stoke) 10*
5 *Ryan Kinsley (King's Lynn) 10*
6 *Nathan Greaves (Sheffield/King's Lynn) 9*
7 *Ellis Perks (Plymouth/Eastbourne) 9*
8 *Danno Verge (Kent) 7*
9 *Jack Smith (Birmingham) 7*
10 *Jack Parkinson-Blackburn (Birmingham) 6*

All qualify for British Under-21 Final at Sheffield on Thursday April 14. Other scorers:

11 *Alfie Bowtell (Mildenhall) 6*
12 *Danyon Hume (Birmingham) 5*
13 *Jack Kingston (Cradley) 5*
14 *Luke Ruddick (Mildenhall) 5*
15 *Liam Carr (Berwick/Coventry) 3*
16 *Kelsey Dugard (Isle of Wight) 2*

Leko does his family proud after making debut for Baggies

JONATHAN LEKO says he made his family proud with his Premier League debut for Albion on Saturday.

The 16-year-old striker came on as a 78th-minute substitute in the goalless draw at Sunderland for Saido Berahino, another academy product who's gone on to become the club's top scorer for two seasons in a row.

The teenager, who's impressed for England Under-17s in recent weeks, couldn't believe how quick the game was, but thanked Baggies boss Tony Pulis for giving him the opportunity.

"I'm lost for words really," he said. "I'm proud and have made my dad proud and my family proud. I can't wait until I get home and see his reaction.

"I didn't even know I was going to be on the bench. In the changing room he said the team and said he'll go with Leko. I couldn't believe it.

"I just thought I'd go on there and prove to him he wasn't wrong in putting me on. I thought I did good. I didn't really have opportunities to get on the ball, but there was one time when I turned. I really enjoyed it."

Top fight billing for home turf duo

Tommy Ghent, left, and Ryan Aston

Boxing

DUDLEY'S top prospects Ryan Aston and Tommy Ghent will share top billing for the first time in over four years – and on home turf.

The two are the headline acts for promoter Paul 'PJ' Rowson's 'Resurgence' show at Dudley Town Hall on May 21.

Southpaw Aston, 25, known as 'The Tank', will feature over six rounds, looking to rebuild after defeat to Ahmet Patterson for the IBF International light middleweight title in January.

Ghent, of Coseley, returns in the chief support bout of six four-rounders, after nearly three years out with his first paid fight in the town. 'Gladiator' Ghent, 23, and Aston were both talented amateurs out of Priory Park Boxing Club, where popular Netherton middleweight Les 'Minefield' Byfield and supper middle Josh 'The Jackal' Miller – both also on the Town Hall card – train.

Rugged Rowley Regis middleweight Tyler Denny, from Shaun Cooper's gym in Brierley Hill, is also on the bill, alongside flamboyant flyweight Matt Windle, from Warley.

Tickets are £40, £50 or £70. Call the promoter on 07976 283 157.

BEAMING BOSS MAKES POINT

TONY Pulis was beaming from ear to ear after the game, satisfied by yet another hard-earned point.

A clean sheet had enabled his side to reach the magical 40-point-mark he starts every season hunting down.

Job done, and with seven games to spare. The Welshman should now be able to enjoy a relaxing run-in safe from pressure, but the reality is there are still plenty of unanswered questions about this Albion team, and about his management.

For the second successive game, the Baggies failed to muster a shot on target. It is the seventh time that has happened this season, and the fifth time in 2016.

Damning

Pulis's side have failed to test the opposition's keeper in their recent games against Villa, Newcastle, Norwich, and now Sunderland. The bottom four. It's a damning statistic, and one that both divides Albion fans, and defines Pulis's reign at The Hawthorns.

He admitted himself after the match that 39 points was enough to stay up, so why did he choose to play 4-5-1 away at a struggling Sunderland side who hadn't kept a clean sheet in 16 matches? Saido Berahino, the club's most natural goalscorer, was shunted out to the left wing.

Naughty boy Stephane Sessegnon was replaced by midfield destroyer Sandro. There was no adventure, and no sign that Pulis will throw off the shackles now the club is guaranteed mid-table obscurity apart from the fact he gave 16-year-old striker Jonathan Leko his Premier League debut.

Pulis has always divided supporters between the pragmatists happy to be dining at the top table, and the romantics, desperate for entertainment and the possibility of something more. In 2016, performances have magnified that divide.

Football is a game of opinions, and every club has fans who disagree. But at some point that fanbase should be united, pulling the team towards victory or a higher goal.

They should revel in success together, and succumb to the misery of failure as one. But there are too many Albion fans hoping Pulis leaves, or worse, fails. Because we've all come to realise that he won't change.

Sammy leads Albion charge

Women's FA Cup Player of the Round is Albion's two-goal midfielder Sammy Conroy

SPORTING CLUB ALBION midfielder Sammy Conroy has been named as the Women's FA Cup player of the round after her two goals helped them see off Brighton 4-3 in a dramatic game.

Albion's reward for their win is a quarter-final tie tomorrow at Manchester City Ladies, a team which boasts several England internationals, including captain Steph Houghton and forward Toni Duggan.

Albion made a stunning start in the game, with Conroy opening the scoring as they led 3-0 inside the first 20 minutes.

After Brighton launched a stirring fightback to equalise, Conroy struck again late on to seal a dramatic win. Conroy said: "It was a crazy game.

"I don't think they expected us to press them so hard so early on and it took them by surprise.

"Obviously, we then had to defend for most of the game so to come up with a winner late on was amazing.

"Playing Manchester City will be difficult but a great experience. We are going to go there and enjoy it."

Albion are now the lowest-ranked team left in the draw, which still includes Women's Super League One team Arsenal and cup holders Chelsea.

Sessegnon is in Tony's bad books

STEPHANE SESSEGNON was forced to train by himself at the weekend by Albion boss Tony Pulis after failing to report back from international duty on time.

The 31-year-old winger did not travel to Sunderland for the game against his former club and was instead told to report to the training ground for solo sessions on both Saturday and yesterday.

It was punishment for failing to turn up for training until Friday – even though his last international game for Benin was the previous Sunday.

"We need to assess people when they've been away," said Pulis.

"It's no good bringing them back and starting them in the game when he could pull a hamstring or pull his calf muscle.

"Him turning up on a Friday when we're actually flying up to Sunderland that day, it was too short a period."

Pulis added: "Apparently that's what Sess has been allowed to do. I don't think he'll do it again but that's between us and the football club."

Albion had several players away on international duty last week and Pulis pointed out that nobody else had taken so long to return.

"Salomon [Rondon] played the other side of the planet and was in Tuesday morning," he said.

The Baggies picked up a goalless draw at the Stadium of Light thanks to a man of the match performance from Ben Foster, but Pulis refused to weigh in on his keeper's chances of making Roy Hodgson's Euro 2016 squad.

"I won't interfere with what Roy wants to do," said Pulis.

"I'm very pleased that Ben's here.

"If Roy wants to pick him, brilliant.

"If he doesn't Ben has a lovely free summer and hopefully he comes back fit."

Ex-Baggie enjoying Swedish high life

FORMER Albion full-back Graham Potter has overseen his first game in Sweden's top tier as Ostersunds FK boss.

The 40-year-old has taken the football club of a little town with a population of 45,000 from the fourth tier to Sweden's Allsvenskan in just five years.

When he joined the side, Ostersunds attracted crowds of 500, but by the end of last season they were experiencing 6,500 sell-outs and now the club has a new 10,000-capacity stadium. Potter is following in the footsteps of ex-Albion head coach Roy Hodgson, who also began as manager in Sweden. Monday night's game away to Hammarby finished 1-1.

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SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR TRAVEL

Fifteen Travel & Tourism students visited the Chimbel pre-primary school in one of the most deprived areas of Goa, close to the capital city but well off the tourist track. They entertained children who could hardly speak a word of English and gave each of them a present to unwrap - probably the first most had ever seen let alone been given – along with a £280 donation which they had raised before travelling.

Successful students have recently secured employment as cabin crew with Emirates and Monarch airlines. Others are now working at Birmingham Airport in ground handling operations. Work experience with top hotel chains has led to more job opportunities and one former student is now duty manager at Premier Inn.

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HAIR-RAISING SUCCESS

Hairdressing students brought home a hat-trick of golds in a haul of national medal wins.

The learners swept the board at the Blackpool Winter Gardens in the National Hairdressers' Federation awards. Three golds, two silvers and three bronzes sealed victory for the highly skilled team of stylists and colourists who competed throughout the day in nine separate events. First places went to apprentice Abigail Mead in the First Timers competition, hair and media student Amy Meleham who won Through the Ages, and hairdressing student Muzghan Rahimi for The Bride.

Beauty students have been making a difference in the community and gaining vital practical experience. Learners are working in partnership with Women in Policing - giving taster manicure and Indian head massage treatments at their Women's Health Days - and SAFS - providing pampering sessions for parents and carers of children with disabilities.

Student Gurjeet Kaur won bronze in the WorldSkills UK final in the Open Nail Services competition. Courtney Hipkins was also highly commended in the Advanced Nail Art category.

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CREATIVE CAREERS

Photography student Naresh Pall is celebrating after judges in the HARMAN Technology Ltd UK Student Competition 'Saturday Night at the Movies' awarded his Bond image Highly Commended.

Performing Arts students have been visiting schools around Sandwell and Birmingham to showcase their production of Under Pressure and help pupils choose their future careers. Acting students will soon be performing in Sandwell Youth Theatre's It Snows at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry as part of the National Theatre Connections 500 event.

CREATIVE COURSES

Acting and Dance, Performing Arts First Diploma (full time)
Acting Extended Diploma (full time)
Contemporary Music Performance, Level 2 & 3 (full time)
Dance Extended Diploma (full time)
Musical Theatre Extended Diploma, Level 3 (full time)
Production, Performing Arts First Diploma (full time)
Technical Theatre Extended Diploma (full time)
Theatrical Hair, Make-up & Design Extended Diploma (full time)
General Art and Design, Level 2 (full time)
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Photography Extended Diploma in Art and Design (full time)
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FILL SKILLS GAP WITH CONSTRUCTION

Construction students have excelled in live regional competitions in Tiling, Decorating and Carpentry. Novice tiling student Luke Banner got gold at first attempt in the regional SkillBuild new entrant heat for wall and floor tiling. The successful tiling department added to its medal haul with a silver from student Tomas Chromy and a bronze in the senior category from Paul McNaughton. Painting and decorating student Jason Roe was one of 15 contestants to beat the clock in the Dulux Decorator Centre Student Decorator of the Year competition. Carpentry students Luke Cooper and Robert Hill finished first and second in the West Midlands. Luke won the Institute of Carpenters 'Carpenters Craft' Award, while Robert, who also won bronze in the regional heat of SkillBuild 2014, came in a close second.

Construction students are being helped onto the career ladder by Sandwell Council. Thirteen have been offered work experience placements and will now go on to work with local employers and building projects.

CONSTRUCTION COURSES

Carpentry – Certificate in Basic Construction Skills (full time)
Construction Multi-Skills Level 1 (full time)
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Wall and Floor Tiling Level 2 (full time)

A CARING CAREER IN CHILDCARE

Former Childcare student Dovile Sunskyte studied at Newman University and is now the new manager of Fireflies Nursery in Smethwick. Sindija Malakovska started an apprenticeship with a local nursery as a direct result of her traineeship programme with the college. Sindija was presented with the runner up prize in the Trainee of the Year Awards 2016.

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Introduction to Young People's Education and Care Certificate, Level 2 (full time)
Childcare and Education Certificate and Diploma (Early Years Educator), Level 3 (full time)
Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (part time)
Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings Diploma, Level 1 (part time)
Introduction to Young People's Education and Care Certificate, Level 2 (part time)
Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools Certificate Level 2 & 3 (part time)
Early Years Workforce Diploma (Early Years Educator), Level 3 (part time)
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Foundation Degree in Early Years Services (full time)

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You will study a BTEC Level 3 in Sport alongside weekly coaching and playing in competitive fixtures. The cricket element is delivered by ECB qualified coaches who have direct links to Dartmouth Cricket Club and Staffordshire Cricket Board. You will have access to a top quality indoor facility, while strong links with Dartmouth CC allow us to use their excellent Birmingham Premier facilities for both nets and outdoor fixtures.

Students should be aiming to progress to university, to work in the Sports Coaching and Development industry, or even to pursue a career as a professional or semi-professional player.

The Albion Foundation Football Academy

This is your opportunity to be trained by coaches from West Bromwich Albion on a weekly basis and play fixtures in the English Colleges League under the WBA name. The Academy is aimed at 16-18 year olds who have a passion for football and an ambition to work in the industry. It's vital that you are prepared to work towards an academic qualification in Sport as well as developing your footballing ability.

The course combines study for a BTEC Level 3 in Sport with weekly training and competitive fixtures. The football element is run by The Albion Foundation and is delivered by UEFA B Licence Coaches who have direct links to WBA Academy and Scouts. WBA training kit - purchased through The Albion Foundation - is worn during all college activities; WBA match kit will be provided for fixtures.

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Musical Theatre Extended Diploma

This two-year course is the equivalent of 3 A Levels and offers the opportunity to cover the practical as well as the theoretical areas of musical theatre. It demands total commitment and high levels of energy from students. Full-scale productions are staged each term for a variety of different audiences.

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Most Performing Arts students have university or drama school as a target at the end of their studies, and past students have gone on to join degree-level courses across the country, including at Birmingham School of Acting, ALRA, De Montfort University, and Stratford-upon-Avon College.

Theatrical Hair, Make-Up & Design Extended Diploma

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